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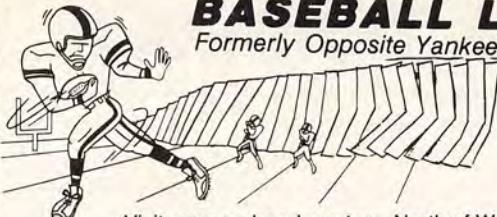
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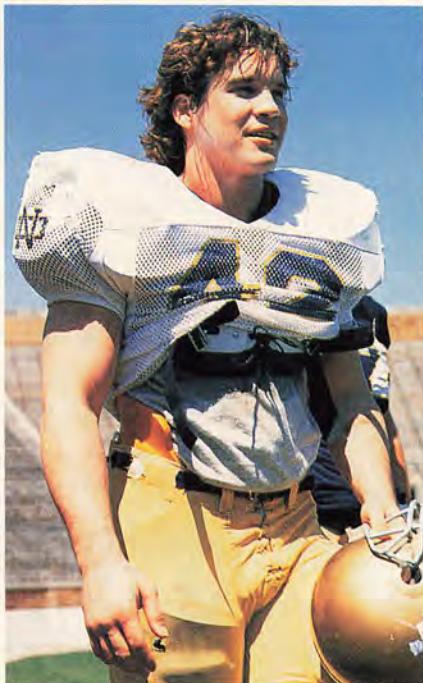
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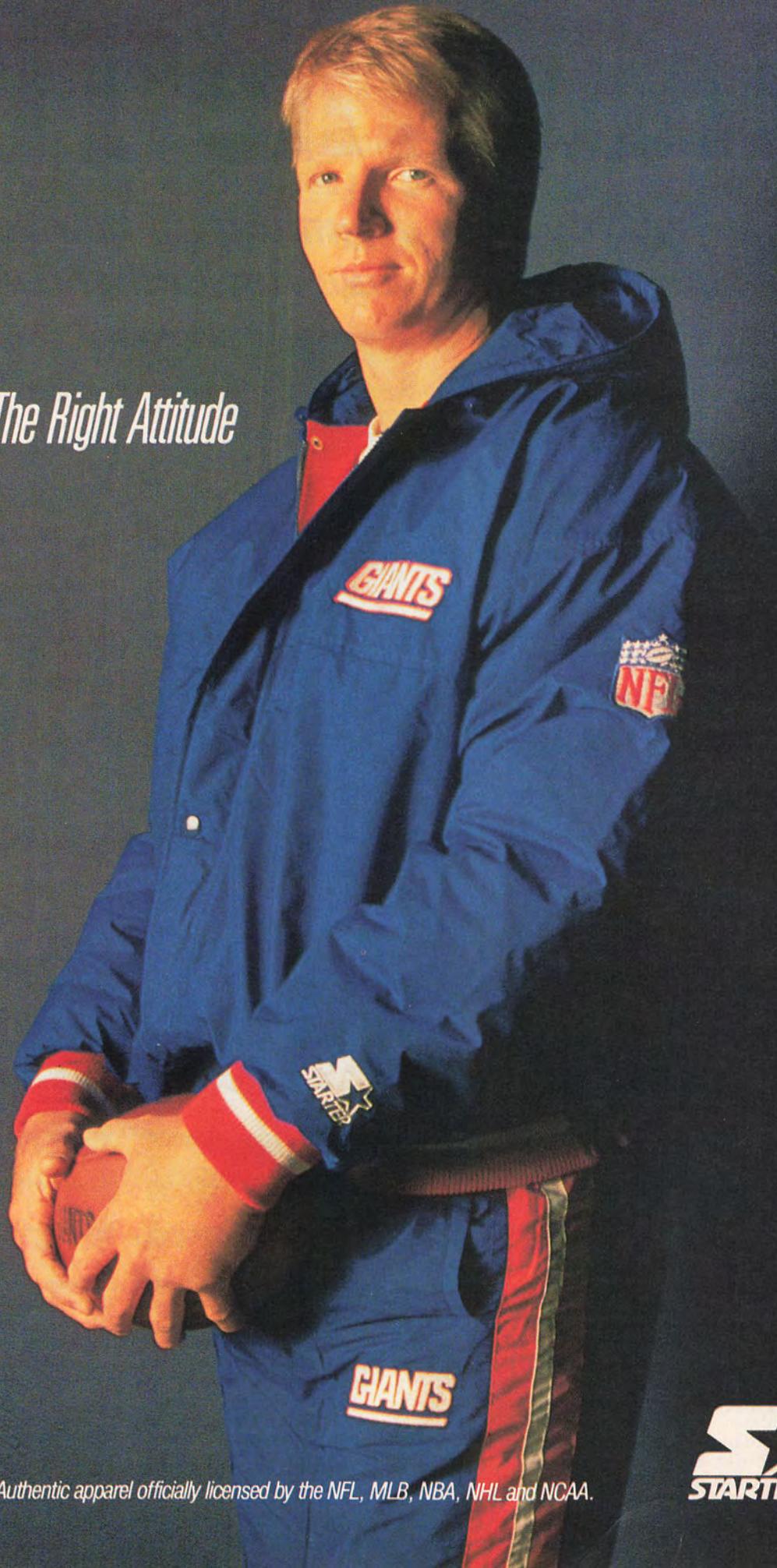
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John Jenkins loves dreaming up new wrinkles for Houston's space-age run-and-shoot offense

By SHELBY STROTHER
Detroit News

When it jerks into gear and Houston's run-and-shoot offense springs forth from the line of scrimmage, it looks like someone just emptied a jar of cockroaches into the backyard. Everyone sort of skitters and scatters. The anarchy is by design, of course, as the football equivalent of a fast break develops and college football's most sophisticated game of pitch and catch heads for the next dimension of John Jenkins' imagination.

Traditionalists shudder. Is there a final score with a comma lurking somewhere in the near future?

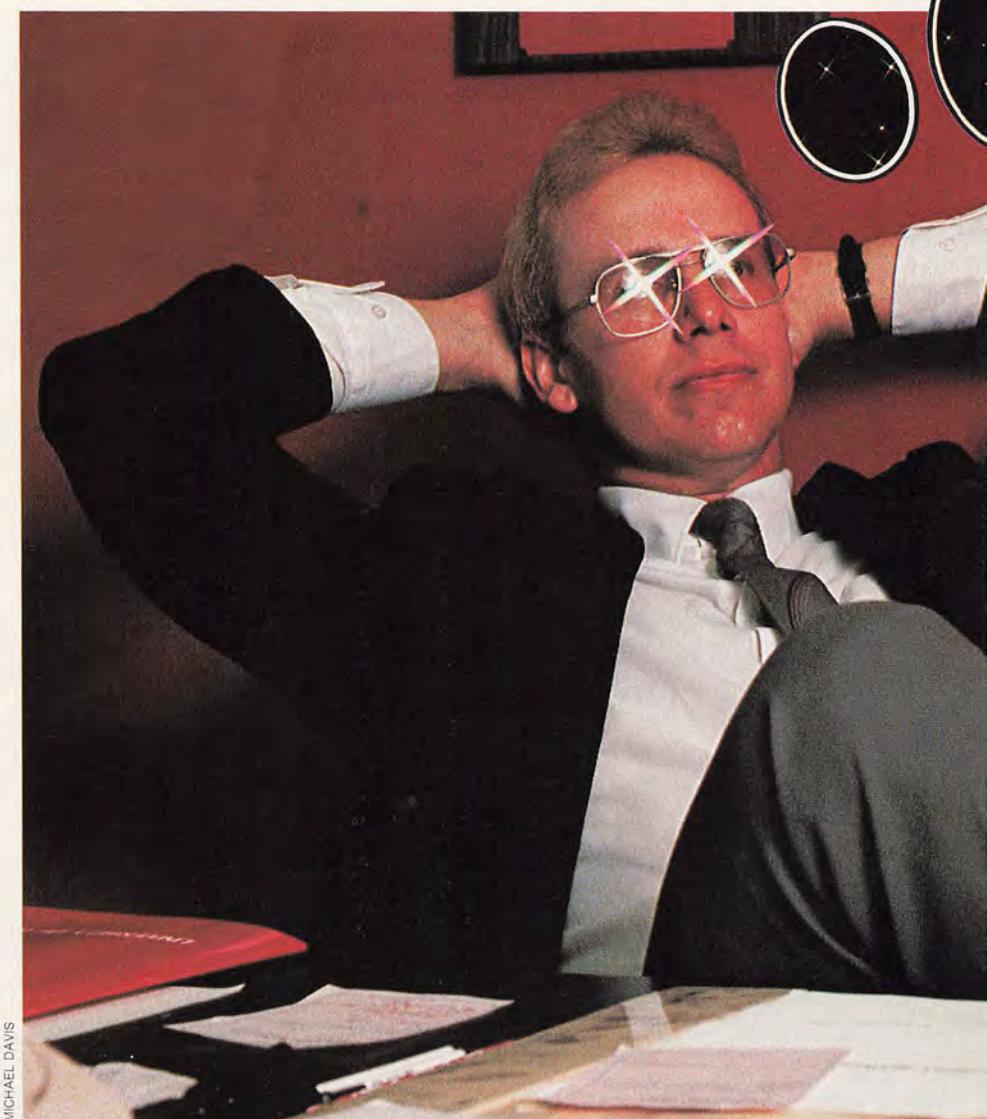
"Numbers that seem like typographical errors certainly are possible," said Jenkins, the Cougars' first-year coach and the mastermind behind the run-and-shoot. "Hundred points a game, a thousand yards of offense a week—it could become common. We haven't even scratched the surface of possibility with this thing. There's stuff on the top shelf gathering dust that would blow your mind."

Even in its most basic form, the run-and-shoot is explosive. But Jenkins has devised so many variations that his run-and-shoot has ascended to another level. If this offense is something out of "Star Wars"—and Jenkins loves space-age imagery—then he is its Yoda.

Jenkins, however, did not create the run-and-shoot. He is just one of the disciples who took the handoff from its Dr. Frankenstein and sewed wings on it.

"Tiger Ellison, a (former) high school coach in Ohio, invented the thing a long time ago," Jenkins explained. "He wrote a book on it (in the early 1960s). I read it."

And learned about this unusual system that utilizes four receivers, one running back and no tight end. Speed is the key ingredient in the run-and-shoot—speedy receivers, speedy runners and a quarterback who thinks fast, even if he can't run. Size isn't important, which explains the abundance of 5-foot-9, 170-pound receivers on a typical run-and-shoot roster. Their job is to spread out the defense by running hither and yon across the field. All this activity keeps the linebackers and defensive backs busy, which in turn opens up the field for the quarterback to find an open receiver, dump a play-action pass to the running back or simply hand off. However the ball is distributed, big plays gen-



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erally result.

After reading Ellison's book, "I started thinking about it, tinkering and messing with it in my head, seeing all the possibilities," Jenkins said. "It's scary sometimes. My run-and-shoot is different than coach Ellison's. What we do at Houston isn't what we did in the USFL. It's not what the Detroit Lions and my old friend Mouse Davis are doing with their 'silver stretch' in the NFL. Everything's similar, but different. We're a little more advanced, more complex. Other teams are crawling; we're flying."

The Cougars could have been grounded

last January, though, when their coach, Jack Pardee, jumped across town to the Houston Oilers of the National Football League. But Jenkins, who had been the team's offensive coordinator the three previous years, was elevated to his first college head coaching job, thus keeping Houston's run-and-shoot airborne.

"Opportunity's the big thing," said Jenkins, who will continue to coordinate the Cougar offense. "Ellison later got a job at Ohio State as an assistant (from 1963-68) and tried to sell the run-and-shoot to Woody Hayes. You can imagine the reaction. I'm grateful the university has given



If the run-and-shoot offense is something out of "Star Wars," then John Jenkins is its Yoda.

and done just that when he brought it deep in the heart of Texas, where tradition dies hard. College football is a religious passion in Texas, and until recently the state was blanketed by the devoutly orthodox followers of the Gospel According to Darrell Royal, which preached the virtues of the ground game. Like mowing the yard, running between the tackles was just something Texans did on Saturday. Verily, you could put your ear to the ground and almost hear the game plan rumbling through the Texas plains. . . . Son, in these here parts, you run the ball, unnerstand? Passing? That's for basketball players and other sissies. Run-and-shoot? Good buddy, that stuff went out at the Alamo.

us the continuity."

Needless to say, it won't be three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust at Houston this year. Jenkins promises more of the same from the Cougars, whose 1989 aerial carnival boldly went where none had ever gone before. And even now, with Cougar opponents still smarting from the whippings they endured at the hand of the run-and-shoot, the sky may not be the limit.

"It's scary, almost humbling," Jenkins said. "I feel like someone from NASA talking about going to a new solar system."

There are those who would have been happy if Jenkins had taken his offense

and only one running back showed up at Houston three years ago. The eyes of Texas were upon the Cougars the same way everyone in a bank might stare at someone in a teller line wearing a ski mask.

Ironically, the run-and-shoot had made its professional debut in that very city three years before. The setting was the dearly departed United States Football League, where Pardee coached the Houston Gamblers in 1984 and '85. His first offensive coordinator was Davis, a run-and-shoot apostle who had used it at Portland State to set numerous records with a quarterback named Neil Lomax. Davis had to sell Pardee, a former National Football League head coach who believed in a tough defense and conservative offense, on the merits of the run-and-shoot, but his persistence paid off in the Gamblers' first season when they set a pro record by passing for 5,793 yards in 18 games.

Jenkins was with the Gamblers that year, too, as special teams coach. But Davis was not at all opposed to his input on the run-and-shoot; after all, Jenkins had been fiddling with it for years. And truth be told, Jenkins already had more

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ideas about its deployment than the Mouse.

"There were times in Houston where I'd ask John, 'Is this gonna work?'" said Davis, who introduced the silver stretch version of the run-and-shoot to the NFL last year in Detroit.

"John's one of those guys who can figure his checkbook in ink and not even have to use a calculator. John understands things before they start. I understand them after I see them work. My imagination and John's are not the same size. He's an innovator; I'm an executor."

Said Jenkins: "Mouse always gave me the freedom to suggest. He never had an ego problem when something that could work didn't come from him. We worked excellent together. What we did together was a credit to coach Pardee giving us the loose rein."

That arrangement lasted only a year. Davis moved on to another coaching job in 1985 and Jenkins was elevated to offensive coordinator. But Pardee didn't have to be persuaded to stick with the run-and-shoot. He was a believer.

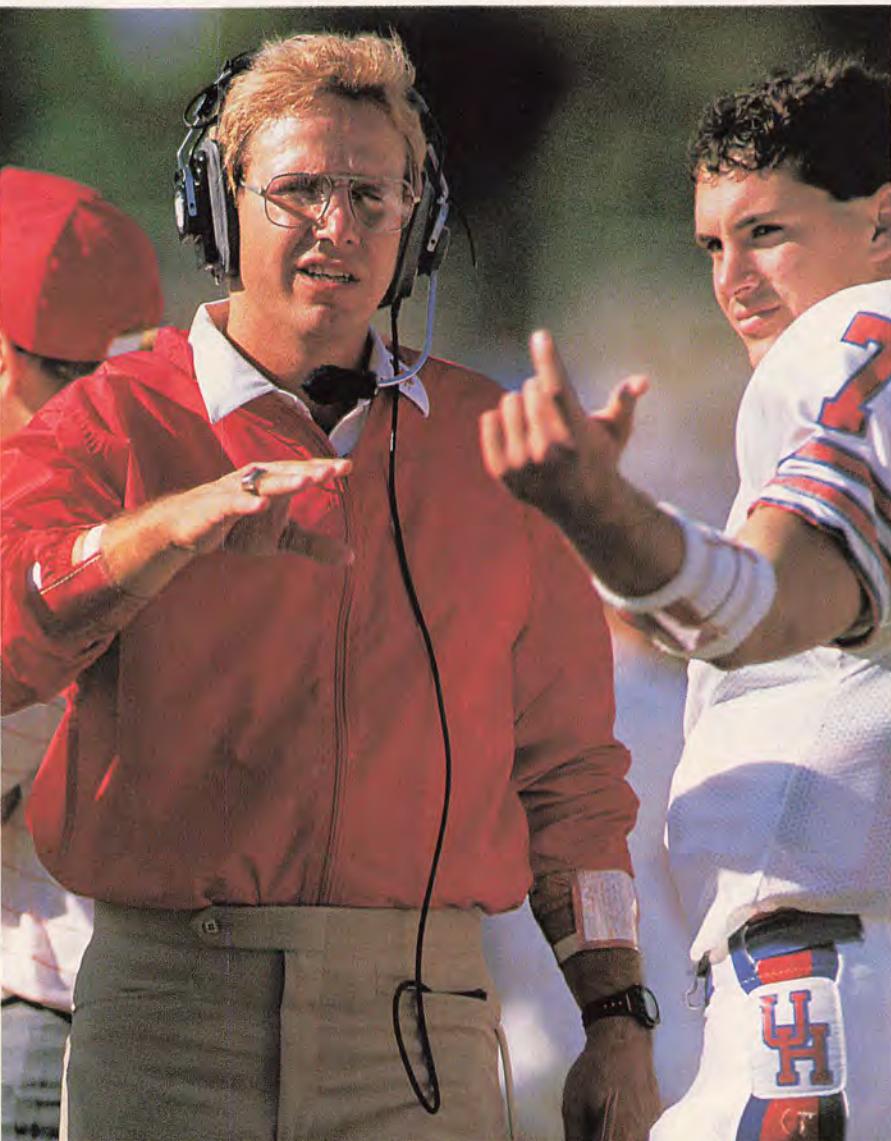
Others weren't so sure. Because it was the USFL,

many people didn't take the offense seriously. Gadget plays in a gimmick league, they concluded. But when Gamblers quarterback Jim Kelly continued to rack up big numbers in 1985 by throwing passes to a bunch of speedy little runts, their curiosity was piqued.

A year later, the USFL drowned in red ink. The run-and-shoot, however, survived. Jenkins took it with him to the University of Pittsburgh, where he spent a season as special offensive assistant and consultant, and on to Houston, where he and Pardee were reunited in 1987.

When Pardee and Jenkins unveiled the run-and-shoot at Houston, there were those who were sure the Cougars were headed straight for gridiron hell. Houston already was a pioneer in the art of probation, having landed in the NCAA jailhouse years before it became trendy in the Southwest Conference, and Lone Star purists were quick to brand this oddball offense as heresy, sacrilege or at least some sort of depravity. It just wasn't real football.

"They told me I couldn't get away with



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Jenkins was elevated to head coach from offensive coordinator when Jack Pardee jumped across town to the NFL's Oilers last January.

that kind of stuff in this area of the world," Jenkins recalled. "I believe we have caught people's attention by now, though. We might even be converting some of the agnostics."

The conversion process began, albeit slowly, in 1987. Oklahoma State whipped Houston, 35-0, in the season opener, and Jenkins said the shutout was so disheartening that Pardee came a few inches away from pulling the plug on the run-and-shoot. It took the Cougars a while to get the hang of it, but they finally did and finished with a 4-6-1 record—nothing to brag about, but a far cry better than their 1-10 mark of a year earlier.

In 1988 they leaped from seventh to second in the conference, won nine games and went to the Aloha Bowl, where they lost to Washington State. The benefits of the run-and-shoot were readily apparent as Houston became the first team in NCAA history to boast two 1,000-yard receivers (Jason Phillips and James Dixon) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Chuck Weather-spoon) in the same season. The Cougars left pawprints all over the school, league and NCAA record books.

But that was just a warmup for last season. With Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Andre Ware passing for a staggering 4,699 yards and 46 touchdowns, the Cougars treated the NCAA record book like a doormat. Inside receiver Emmanuel Hazard caught 142 passes, took 22 in for touchdowns and made it three straight years that a Houston player topped the Division I-A receiving charts. Even their lone running back, Weatherspoon, set a record by averaging 9.6 yards per carry and posted his second straight 1,000-yard rushing season—a perfect example of how the run-and-shoot can open up the ground game. The Cougars averaged 53.5 points (just 2.5 points shy of the I-A record) and 624.9 yards per game. They again finished 9-2 but were unable to play in a bowl game because of NCAA probation.

Such numbers can't help but make Jenkins smile. Pretty fair year, he admitted. Could have been better, though. Ware could have maybe hit the 6,000-yard mark and thrown, oh, pretty close to 60 TD passes for the season "if we'd have let him play all the time," he said. "He sat out nine quarters. That's more than two full games."

And that's two games more than he'll play for Houston in 1990. Ware had one season of eligibility remaining, but he decided shortly after spring practice began in March that he would assault the record book no more. The run-and-shoot's All-America trigger man was headed for the NFL.

And yet John Jenkins continues to smile.

"It was an extreme thrill seeing Andre develop," explained the 38-year-old native of Pampa, Tex. "He was a running quarterback in an option offense in high school. But he was eaten up with the desire to be good. He became great, and that's still such a thrill for me. He had to

learn how to take the snap, learn proper cadence, footwork, drop-back mechanics, even how to hold the danged ball right. Now I'm sure he would have been a success no matter what system he was in or who was his coach. He could have run the option for anyone. He could have excelled

Emmanuel (Hazard) stepped forward after Jason Phillips led the country in receiving two years in a row. He returns for us. So does Chuck Weatherspoon. And so does (quarterback) David Klingler.

"Yes, we're losing the Heisman Trophy winner. But we aren't gonna slap our head and say, 'What are we going to do now?' We have David Klingler, we have Emmanuel and Chuck and several others who were big parts of our success last year. Did you know David played enough last season to rank second in the conference in passing efficiency? He is completely prepared and ready. Maybe we can perpetuate some of our suc-



Numbers that seem like typographical errors are possible with the explosive run-and-shoot offense. Just ask Southern Methodist.

cess. Besides, it is simply not my nature to lament."

Lament this: In the first major scrimmage of spring practice, Klingler, a 6-foot-3 junior, completed 43 of 62 passes for nine touchdowns and more than 700 yards. He totaled 24 TDs and more than

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1,600 yards in the last two scrimmages. Those performances probably accounted somewhat for Jenkins' cheery optimism in the wake of Ware's departure.

"It also could mean we are in trouble defensively, too," Jenkins said with a laugh. "But it could also mean some other teams are in trouble. We'll have to wait and see."

The ever-confident Jenkins has no doubt about his offense. He knows it works. Only human error can keep it from flying because when executed properly, the run-and-shoot has no defensive match—at least none that has been revealed so far. Sometimes when a play is run correctly, Jenkins said, "every one of our receivers is wide open. The quarterback could use a basket full of footballs. When we do it right, it's darn near unstoppable."

The offense, that is; not necessarily the Cougars. Jenkins realizes that great teams are multidimensional. They require a strong defense and good special teams to complement the offense. But if you want to focus just on offense, he said, "ours will beat the socks off anyone.... We'll burn out the defense, run 'em right into the dirt until their tongues are dragging like red bandanas."

As proud as Jenkins is of his offense, he won't be writing a book

about it anytime soon. "I've turned down a lot of coaching clinic money because I don't like drawing up plays for enemy coaches," he said. The only secret he'll reveal is repetition: Do it, do it again, do it some more.

"High repetition is the key," he said. "In time it comes. This is our fourth year of development for the college game. Like I said, we haven't even scratched the surface of all that is possible. But we are seeing some results."

Results? You want results? Scores like 69-0, 65-7, 66-10, 64-0, 55-10 and, of course, the infamous 95-21 massacre of Southern Methodist, which surrendered a record 1,021 total yards and 10 touchdown passes. Ware had five TD passes in the second quarter alone. These are big-time results.

"Jack took a lot of grief for that," Jenkins said. "People said he was running up the score on an inferior team, trying to pad statistics to get us some recognition. It just wasn't like that. The offense is designed to take advantage of whatever the defense is offering. That day SMU denied us the short pass. We had to run deep. Instincts take over, reflex instincts. The run-and-shoot is the only offense we have. Ware and Klingler were the only scholarship quarterbacks on the team. We ran our basic offense, which is throwing the ball. We went to the open man. We didn't have a thing to apologize about."

It was another example of tradition colliding with the strange and wonderful toy called the run-and-shoot and getting its heart stomped flat. Jenkins bristles at the mention of cruel and unusual punishment.

"We were throwing to walk-ons a lot of the year and going up and down the field," he said. "We had five starting receivers injured last year, two for the season. Another got hurt in the (second) game. We did it with little kids just eaten up with desire. I think people should applaud what we got accomplished. Give us big-time players, full-sized players, and we'll own every record there is. Give us the players and we'll make our offense work against Notre Dame, Michigan, Miami, anybody."

"Mistakes are killers, of course. When we fail, we fail for the same reason. But none of it has to do with the basic structural design of the run-and-shoot. In my mind, there's not a defense that can stop us."

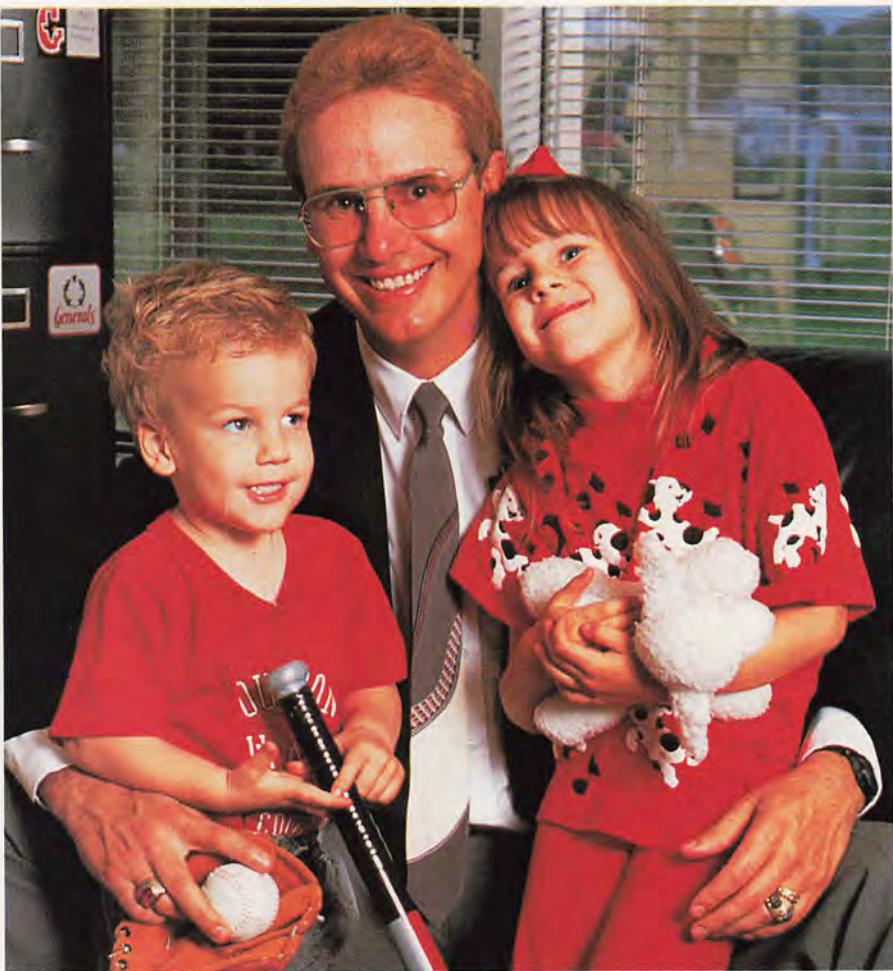
In 1984, Jenkins began cataloging every defense ever constructed. He fed all these alignments into a computer and then developed plays that could be used against each and every one. As certain as he was that the run-and-shoot would succeed, he knew not to let confidence become arrogance. It would be foolish to attack the strength of a particular defense simply to prove a point. "I don't ever want to have to say something didn't work because the other team had the right defense called, either," Jenkins said.

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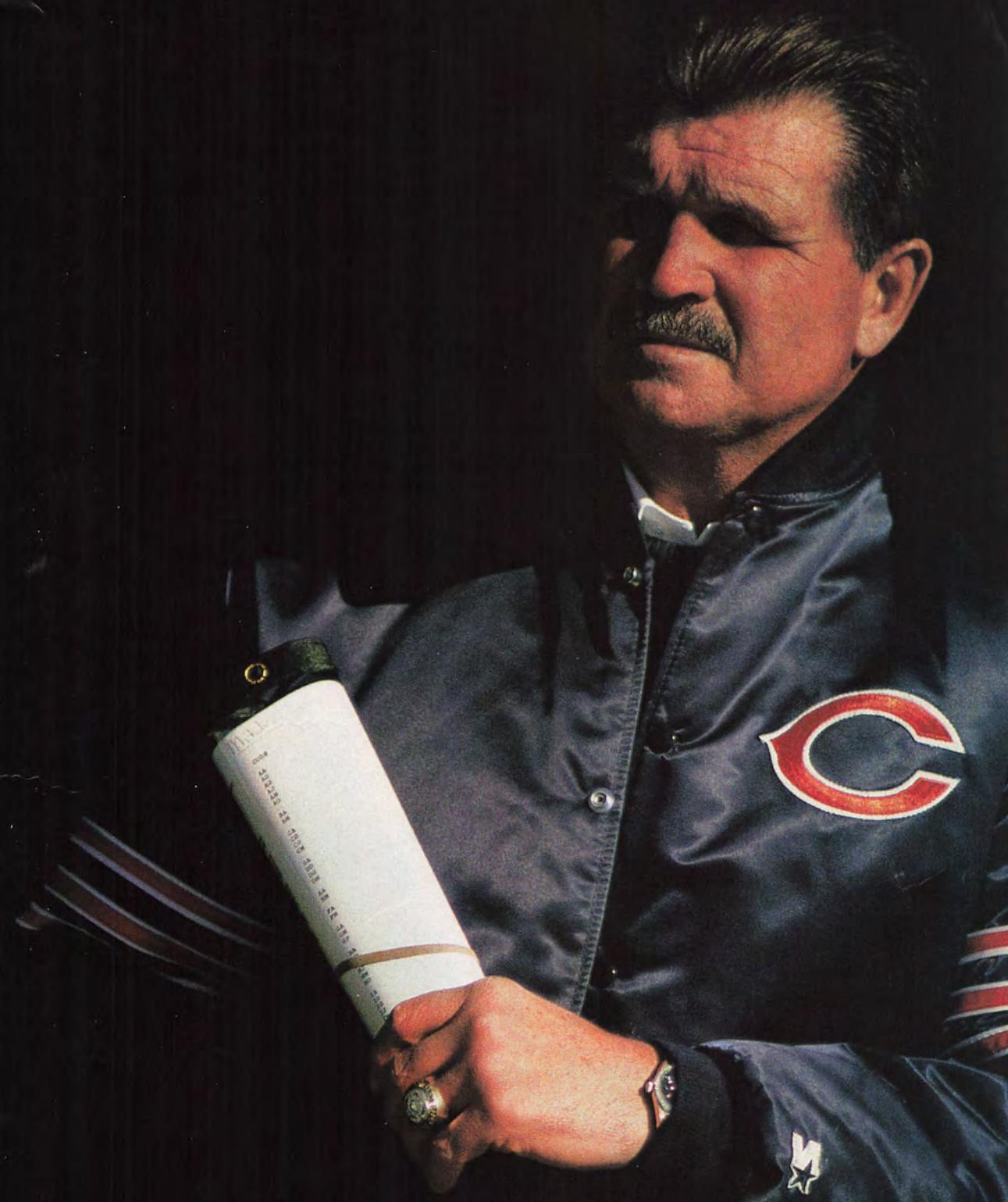
So last season when Texas A&M patted itself on the back for bringing out a unique 1-10 deployment of one noseguard, five linebackers and five defensive backs and the result was six sacks of Ware, three intercepted passes and a 17-13 Aggie victory, Jenkins would have none of it.

"We lost that game because of breakdowns and mistakes," he said. "The plays were there; the receivers were wide open. We executed poorly."

Houston's other loss was to Arkansas. But the Cougars scored 39 points (six fewer than the Razorbacks) in spite of the fact that they spent most of the game saddled to



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the sideline. Arkansas' ball-control offense ran up 647 yards against the Houston defense and held the ball for more than 37 minutes.

"It still came down to who had the ball on the last possession," Jenkins said. "But that's what I mean about us not being able to thrive entirely due to our offense. We need to be competent in all aspects if we are to be a good team."

That shouldn't be a problem. The best recruits seem to wind up at winning programs, and Houston has become one. Recruits now are contacting the Cougars, Jenkins said, and the future could not be brighter.

Unless you happen to be the Houston punter—Simon Rodriguez wondered at times last year if he would play enough to earn a varsity letter—or mascot. Jason Lee was the roly-poly ball of fur who danced with the cheerleaders and slapped palms (or paws) with the players as they ran onto the field last year. But it also is a tradition that the Houston mascot do push-ups after every Cougars score, one for every point they have at the time.

"I did 682 push-ups in the SMU game alone," Lee said with both pride and

amazement. "It almost killed me."

And it could get worse. Jenkins continues to tinker with the run-and-shoot, shaking test tubes and theories. He confesses to a certain absent-minded professor personality "because I seem to get these ideas at all times of day," he said. "Things that might work. I wear out a lot of dinner napkins at home.... The best ideas come early in the morning, before the sun comes up."

Kayla, his wife of seven years, has been understanding through it all. The long hours are part of coaching. When she talks to her husband and realizes his eyes are clouded by X's and O's, she understands. There's a new play under construction.

"And she never gets moody on me," Jenkins said. "She knows what I'm thinking; she knows how I'm always visualizing things. She also knows my free time—what little there is—belongs to her and the kids."

"I like to say that I have no hobbies whatsoever. I joke that I have never played an inning of golf in my life. My daughter, Jade, and my son, Raefe, are my recreation. I am a true dedicated coach and I never have other plans. My heart and soul's in this job. But I come up for a breath of air once in a while. Just a little change of atmosphere, kicking around, doing something with my family, keeps me happy."

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Almost as happy as discovering a new wrinkle in the run-and-shoot, a modification to keep defensive coaches stewing and fretting. "There's always something else out there," Jenkins said. "We just gotta go get it."

In the meantime, he said, Cougar fans can be assured of this: "Our ushers won't have to nudge anyone to wake up." ■

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Roanoke Times & World-News

Football fans who happened upon intramural basketball competition on the Virginia campus last winter might have been amused to see Herman Moore sizing up Shawn Moore for alley-oop passes.

Usually, it's the other way around.

The Moores, intramural teammates and dunking partners, also happen to form one of the most dangerous—and unheralded—pass-catch combinations in college football. Their talents helped Virginia's Cavaliers to a 10-2 regular-season record in 1989 and a berth in the school's first-ever New Year's Day bowl game.

Herman and Shawn Moore are not related; in fact, to hear them talk sometimes, you'd swear that they don't even like each other. But there is a bond between the two that transcends broken lines of communication or broken pass patterns.

They grew up 30 miles apart in the southern Virginia cities of Martinsville and Danville. Their high schools were rivals, yet they never played against each other and never knew each other until college. Shawn, the quarterback, is the older of the two by 18 months.

"I remember coming home from college my first year, (when) we were 3-8," said Shawn as he reflected on the Cavaliers' 1986 season, which he sat out as a redshirt.

"We went over to the Martinsville-George Washington (of Danville) basketball game and Herman must have had six dunks (for George Washington). I thought he was a Division I basketball prospect."

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It's hard to name a more potent pass-catch combo than Virginia's Moores: wide receiver Herman (left) and quarterback Shawn.

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One year earlier, when both were in high school, Herman did little more than watch—in both basketball and football—when the schools played.

"I guess 11th grade was my transitional year," said Herman, who was a prep place-kicker, with a 48-yard field goal to his credit.

Even when Herman began to show promise as a prep senior, there were questions about him. At 6-foot-5 and 190 pounds, he seemed too gangly to play wide receiver and too light to play tight end. Also, he lacked great speed.

Certainly, he was not projected to wind up in the same class as speedster John Ford, a Virginia standout who emerged as an early second-round pick of the Detroit Lions in the 1989 National Football League draft. But by the end of his red-shirt freshman season (1988) at the Charlottesville campus, Moore had started to steal Ford's thunder.

It began, innocently enough, one day in practice. Matt Blundin, the Cavaliers' backup quarterback and also a member of Virginia's basketball team, threw an alley-oop pass to Herman, then working with the second team. It worked so well that the play became a regular feature of Virginia's game plan.

The Cavaliers began to explore different ways of getting the ball to Herman. He responded in 1989, averaging 34.1 yards on 10 touchdown receptions (one covered 75 yards) and making 36 catches overall.

"I've learned one thing over the years," Virginia Coach George Welsh said. "If you have the right kind of quarterback and the right receivers, you ought to go deep at least once a quarter. We're doing that more."

Shawn Moore, entering his senior season of athletic eligibility, has the right kind of arm, with the ability to launch the ball 70 yards or more; Herman Moore, beginning his third year as a Virginia footballer, is the right kind of receiver, preliminary doubts aside.

"Shawn Moore can throw deep; he throws deep well," said Virginia quarterback coach Gary Tranquill, formerly head coach at Navy, "but he also has the ability to freeze a defense. We probably play-action to go deep more than anything."

"I'm not talking about faking to the tailback. To me, that's drop-back. I'm talking about running down the line of scrimmage, then jumping back. And, with Herman, the margin for error is a lot greater. He can make a not-so-good pass look pretty good."

Herman Moore's speed has improved over the years but, even after the departure of Ford, the Cavaliers had two or three receivers who were faster.

"I posed the question before last season: 'Who is our best deep threat?'" Welsh said. "Sherm (assistant Tom Sherman) said, 'It's Herman, speed notwithstanding, because he knows how to go to the ball

and he's so damn big.'"

Herman Moore, now a 197-pounder, came to prominence about the time he was starting to get tired of being a novelty item.

"At media day before the ('89) season, everybody was asking, 'Tell us about the alley-oop,'" Herman said. "Do they think I can do anything else? Do they know I practice?

"The way people talk, you'd think I go to practice and they tell me, 'Herman, you go run a couple of laps.... Now, come on over here and do a couple of alley-oops. OK, fine, you can go in now.'"

Make no mistake about it, Herman Moore is an exceptional athlete. He has won two Atlantic Coast Conference indoor high-jump titles and one outdoor crown—his best leap overall in the ACC meets has been 7 feet, 2½ inches—"and," he said, "the coaches tell me I have the ability to go a lot higher, somewhere in the range of 7-8."

At one time, Herman thought of trying out for the Cavaliers' basketball team, but he passed on that and decided to spend the winter with the Virginia track team. Not only did he set a personal record in the high jump, but he twice was timed in 4.45 seconds for 40 yards.

"I really wanted to play basketball," Herman said. "To this day, I still wish I had played, but it was a matter of deciding where my future lied. I talked to Coach Welsh and he said, 'Herman, you need to get a little faster.'

Herman didn't turn his back on basketball entirely. He played on a team with several other football players who got as far as the championship game in the university's intramural league before the group ran afoul of the football coaching staff.

Shawn Moore was one of Herman's intramural teammates. In high school, Shawn played on teams that won two

state championships.

"When I played (basketball) in high school, I really was not much of a scorer," Shawn said. "I didn't realize I was an offensive threat until I got to college. I think things would have changed."

"It was disappointing that I really didn't get recruited at all (for basketball). Basketball was my first love. Still is...."

The thought of Shawn playing college basketball is somewhat comical to Herman, who can find the humorous side of almost any topic.

"I don't think he really means that," Herman said. "Shawn's a streak player. He can hit the 'three.' He's pretty decent. That's about all I can say for him as a basketball player."

The alley-oop is one of the Moores' favorite plays, no matter which player is on the receiving end. Although he stands 6-2 and a solid 210 pounds after three years of diligent weightlifting, Shawn Moore can still dunk a basketball.

"You didn't know I could dunk?" Shawn asked. "I'm still light on my feet. I can get up."

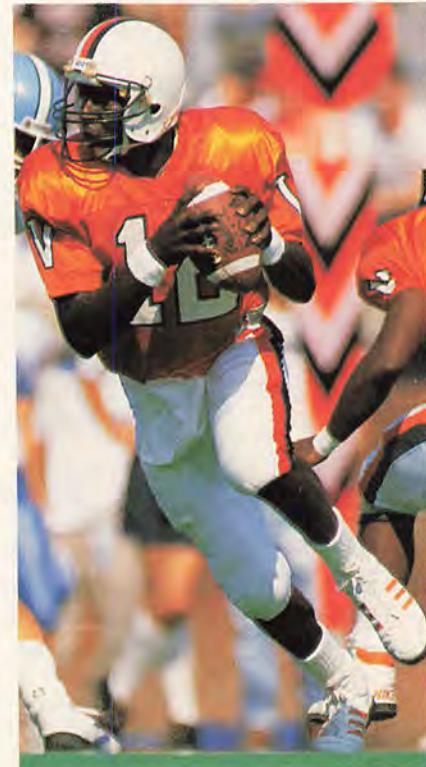
And he definitely can turn upfield, although it might surprise some people that when Shawn was timed last spring in 4.62 seconds for 40 yards, it was the fastest clocking of his career. "I wish I had 4.52," he said.

Shawn has the cutting ability of a tailback. Last season, he was the only Division I-A quarterback to pass for at least 2,000 yards and rush for 500 or more. He has been responsible for 54 touchdowns—34 passing, 20 rushing—in three years, the

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Herman (left) and Shawn are not closest friends but are unusually compatible on the field.

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last two as a regular.

"Having a guy of his size and his ability at quarterback should be almost illegal," said Ben Bennett, the former Duke standout who holds the ACC career record for touchdown responsibility with 57. "This is the new wave in quarterbacks—guys who are big, strong and can move, and Shawn Moore fits that bill perfectly."

Shawn is such an outstanding runner that his passing ability frequently is overlooked. Moore is the first Virginia quarterback to pass for 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons, and he already has passed NFL quarterbacks Don Majkowski and Scott Secules on the school's career passing-yardage list.

"When people look at the numbers that I put up rushing the football (505 yards last season) they might think, 'He's definitely an option quarterback who throws the ball very, very seldom,'" Shawn said, "but that's not the situation."

"Virginia has had a drop-back quarterback for the last five years and I don't think anything has changed. They've always run a little option, (but) I'm a drop-back quarterback and I don't know how people can perceive me as an option quarterback. I'm not."

Shawn Moore certainly has option skills, as demonstrated in Virginia's final regular-season game of '89, against Maryland, when he carried 18 times for 121 yards and two touchdowns. For the season, he had a team-leading seven runs of 20 yards or more.

Shawn was the All-ACC quarterback in '89, but he still has not attracted significant recognition nationally. However, Virginia may undergo a strong media campaign to promote him for the Heisman Trophy.

"Who knows?" Shawn said. "It's been said around campus a lot. I hear it when I go home. It's just something in the back of my mind right now. I'd like to concentrate on having a good year and getting through the season."

Virginia is coming off a season in which it set a school record for victories and gained a share of the ACC championship—its first—with Duke. The Cavaliers' New Year's Day appearance came in the Florida Citrus Bowl, where Welsh's team fell to Illinois, 31-21.

"I've seen the other Heisman people," said Welsh, never one for overstatement. "I think he's that caliber. Some things he's done, not many quarterbacks in the country have done: the running, the passing and the winning...." In Shawn Moore's last 17 starts, Virginia has won 15 times.

It has been a long time between Heisman Trophy candidates for Virginia. The only Cavalier to date ranking as a solid contender for the elite honor was running back Bill Dudley, who finished fifth in the voting in 1941. Indeed, the Cavaliers, who had one winning season from 1953 through 1978, have enjoyed few football heroes of any kind. But there are signs

that times are changing.

"Imagine this," observed President George Bush at the education "summit" in Charlottesville a year ago this fall. "You have a President, the Cabinet, America's governors all visiting your school, and the big man on campus? Still Shawn Moore."

Shawn had returned from a practice session to watch a couple of his favorite television shows when he stopped channel-switching long enough to watch a tape of the President's speech. Teammates Ray Savage and Mark Cooke were with him at the time.

"I said, 'Let's leave it here for a minute,'" Shawn recalled. "It was the first thing (the President) said. It really caught me off guard. Ray and Mark and I just looked at each other and started laughing."

Many of last year's marquee names in college football have gone to the pros, creating a publicity void for Moore and others to fill. Of the top 11 vote-getters for the Heisman Trophy, only three are returning—quarterbacks Darian Hagan of Colorado and Ty Detmer of Brigham Young and all-purpose receiver Raghib (Rocket) Ismail of Notre Dame.

Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware of

Houston, No. 3 vote-getter Major Harris of West Virginia and No. 7 finisher Emmitt Smith of Florida were juniors, but all three decided to pass up their final seasons of eligibility, as did Virginia tailback Marcus Wilson (who rushed for 1,098 yards last season). Shawn never considered that option, though.

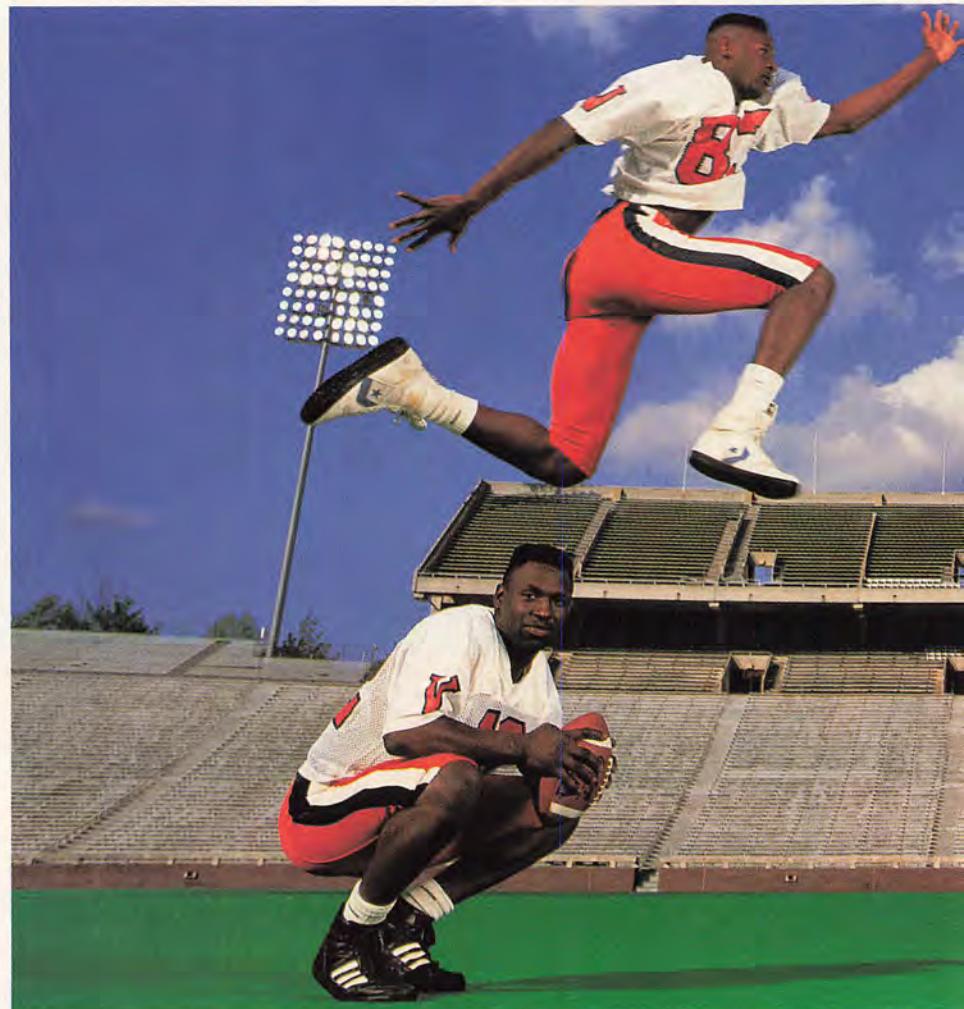
"There are a lot of things I need to improve on, a lot of little things," said Shawn, who completed 56.6 percent of his passes in 1989 while throwing for 18 touchdowns and yielding only seven interceptions. "I just think another year would help me."

"I was surprised when Marcus decided to leave. I sure wish he was coming back, but in the long run I think it could be a good move. Guys in our situation who have been here four years (Wilson, like Shawn Moore, was redshirted in 1986) . . . I think that's all right."

"I don't like the idea of coming out any sooner. In basketball, guys leave after one or two years, but I think you need to experience four years of college football: spring practice, winter workouts, summer ball."

Shawn needed only to complete a summer internship to gain his degree in psychology. He already has been accepted to Virginia's graduate school of education.

"I never thought I'd finish in four years," Shawn said. "That was pretty much of a long-term goal. In high school, I



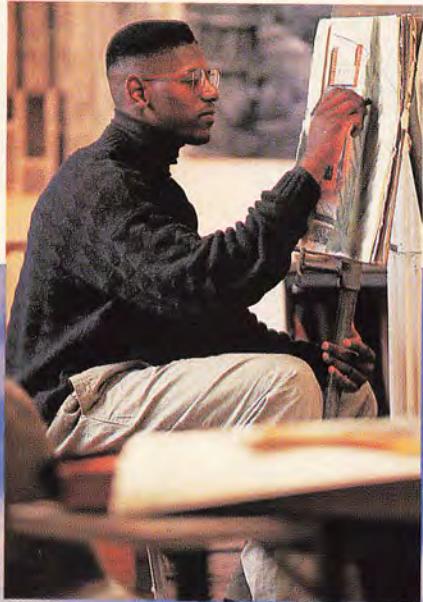
was pretty much of a laid-back guy. I didn't want to do much at all...."

Herman Moore is on schedule to graduate next summer, after his fourth year in the college classroom, which leaves him thinking about declaring for the 1991 NFL draft when he still would be eligible for one more season at Virginia.

"My freshman and sophomore years, I was concentrating more on trying to be competitive at the college level," he said. "Professional football wasn't anything I had in my mind at all."

"Now . . . it's decision time. The NFL has a lot of advantages, but you could get hurt, so it also has a lot of disadvantages, especially if you don't graduate. I'd have to find out what my worth would be."

Herman broke a Virginia season record last year with his 10 touchdown receptions, although it is unlikely he will ever have the overwhelming numbers that often are necessary to be recognized nationwide. He is still waiting to make All-ACC for the first time.



"I won't say I deserve (national recognition) at this point," Herman said. "If I want to have it, I just have to make myself known. I think, for that to happen, we just have to go out as a team and win games."

"I don't get thrown to as many times as other wide receivers. Clarkston Hines (of Duke, a consensus All-America) probably caught twice as many balls last year as I did, yet he had only 200-300 more yards."

That was pretty close. Hines had 61 catches for 1,149 yards and 17 touchdowns. Herman had 36 receptions for 848 yards and the 10 TDs.

"If we threw twice as much, there's no telling where I would stand," Herman said. "But if things work as well as they're working now, I can live with it."

It's a system under which Shawn Moore has thrived; or, maybe, it's a player under whom the Virginia Cavaliers have thrived. Shawn already has broken most of Virginia's season records for passing and total offense and will hold almost all of the career marks before he leaves—but it's not that he lives for such things.

"They don't really catch my eye," Shawn said. "You look at the history of Virginia football—not meaning to de-

Neither Moore has received much national recognition but, on campus, Herman (top) is known for his artwork and Shawn for his work with kids.



grade anybody who came before me—but the numbers aren't like a UCLA or Illinois, where they've had a lot of players who go on to the pros.

"What does motivate me? I don't know. I'm such a weird person. I am. At times, my teammates see me as happy-go-lucky and affectionate. At times, I want to be alone and do a lot of thinking."

Herman Moore said, "Shawn is different. He's not your typical human being . . . Shawn's out there, like Pluto. Shawn's the kind of person you meet once in your lifetime. He's a Renaissance man."

Herman, the team's resident artist, should know something about Renaissance men. He has sold some of his paintings for \$100 or more and last year presented Welsh with a drawing that highlighted the 1989 season.

"I wouldn't consider myself an artist in the sense of someone who sits down and tries to improve his artwork or make it a profession," Herman said. "But my art seems to get better as I mature."

If you had to pick the more outrageous of the two, it would have to be Herman. He has been known to offer his opinions on subjects ranging from the Cavaliers' play-calling to Welsh's wardrobe.

"I'd just like to see him wear a suit (on the sidelines) sometimes," Herman said. "I'd like for him to be like Pat Riley or Chuck Daly. I think Coach (Welsh) looks spiffy. Coach is a smooth operator."

The Moores are not closest friends, but one might get the wrong impression from their off-field relationship, which amounts to an ongoing game of one-upmanship.

"I've never looked up the family tree," Herman said, "but, hopefully, we're not related. I call him 'Cousin Shawn' sometimes, but that's just for the media."

"You couldn't print some of the other names I call him, (and) we don't have the friendliest phone conversations, but, seriously, we're good friends. We're close friends when we need to be."

The Moores are unusually compatible on the field, although when Shawn was injured and Blundin started against Clemson in week six of the '89 season, Herman had three receptions for 136 yards. Shawn Moore's favorite receiver, in number of catches, was tight end Bruce McGonnigal, who wound up the year with 42 receptions.

The Moores would be standouts with any partners, but they certainly bring out the best in one another. It's hard to name a more potent passing combination in college football, with the possible exception of Miami's Craig Erickson and Wesley Carroll.

"It's funny because Shawn and I don't work as much (on patterns) as you might think," Herman said. "It's not something that clicks as soon as we walk out on the practice field. It's something that develops during the season."

"If you're around a person long enough, though, you get to know his habits. When I see him scrambling or whatever, I never stop running because I know he's somewhere back there looking for me and wondering, 'Where's Herman?' ■

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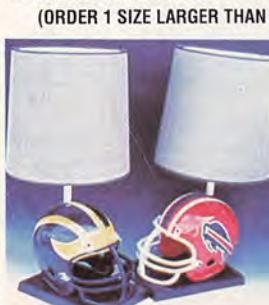
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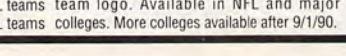
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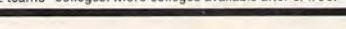
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*After 40 seasons of Woody and/or Bo,
1990 marks the dawn of a new era in the Big Ten*

By ED SHERMAN
Chicago Tribune

It was 1951 when a driven, cantankerous, possessed coach named Woody Hayes first assumed control at Ohio State. He brought with him a graduate assistant coach named Glenn (Bo) Schembechler, who had played for Hayes at Miami of Ohio the previous two years and embodied many of his mentor's characteristics.

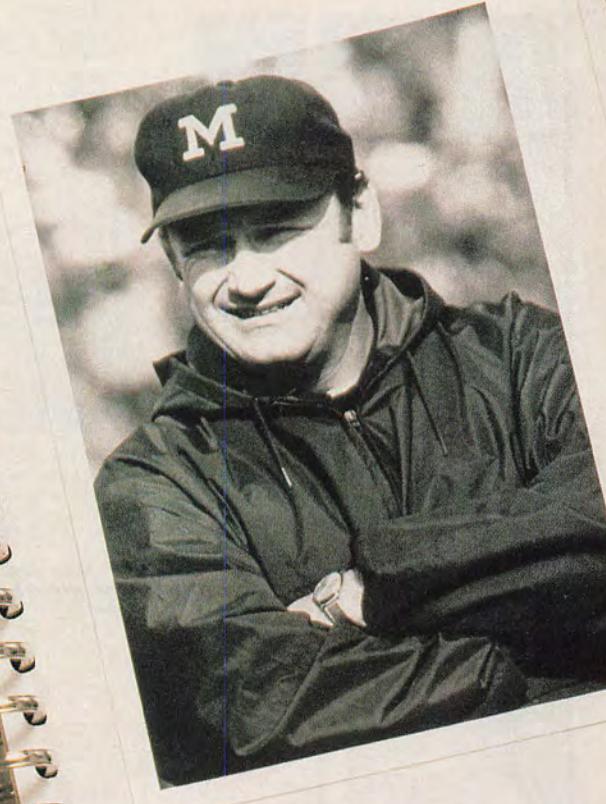
Together, Hayes and Schembechler personified the Big Ten Conference. They grabbed hold of the league and molded it into their image. They relied on a tough,

hard-working, take-no-prisoners, brutally blunt and honest philosophy that mirrored Midwestern ideals. A bare-knuckles approach to football. More important, they stood for playing by the rules. Corners were not cut.

Darn if it didn't work. First it was Woody, then it was Woody and Bo, and ultimately, it concluded with just Bo. With rare exceptions, they owned the Big Ten.

Until now. Schembechler stepped down as Michigan's

coach on New Year's Day, 11 years after Hayes resigned at Ohio State. So, when Michigan travels to Ohio State in November for the 87th edition of the Big Ten's most celebrated rivalry, it will be the first time in 40 years that neither Woody Hayes nor Bo Schembechler



has been on the sidelines.

Think about it. Forty years. This truly is the dawn of a new era in the Big Ten.

"When you thought of the Big Ten, you thought of Woody and Bo," said Minnesota Athletic Director Rick Bay, who previously served in the same capacity at Ohio State.

"They controlled the show," said Wayne Duke, the league's commissioner from 1971-89. "There's little question about that."

And since Hayes closed out his illustrious coaching career with an ill-advised jab at a Clemson player in the 1978 Gator Bowl, there's been little question that the show belonged to

Schembechler. "Bo was the anchor for a lot of years," Bay said.

And understandably so. Save for six seasons as Miami of Ohio's head coach from 1963-68, Schembechler had spent the previous 34 years on Big Ten sidelines, beginning with a two-year stint under Ara Parseghian at Northwestern in 1956-57.

He then rejoined his former coach, Hayes, in Columbus for five years before moving on to Miami. And in 1969, Schembechler was named head coach at Michigan. There he remained for the next 21 years.

What a time that was in Ann Arbor. Under Bo, the Wolverines won or shared 13 Big Ten titles and went to 17 bowl games, including 10 Rose Bowls. Fifteen of his teams finished in the Top 10 of both major wire-service polls. Twenty-two of his players became consensus All-Americans. He leaves as Michigan's winningest coach with 194 victories, only 11 fewer than the irascible

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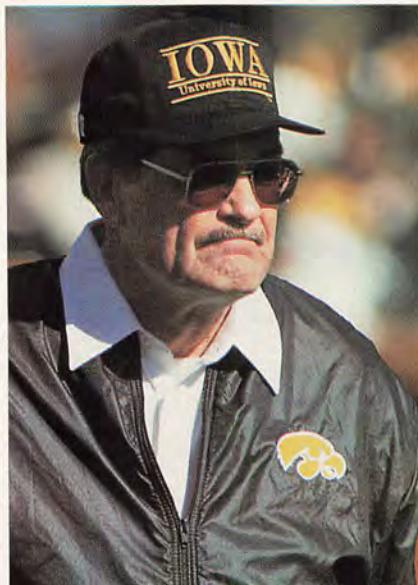
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Hayes compiled in seven more seasons at Ohio State.

He also leaves his post as Michigan's athletic director. He assumed that job in July 1988, and less than a year later he was naming a new basketball coach on the eve of an NCAA Tournament that produced a national championship for the Wolverines. Ironically, that was the one prize that eluded Schembechler in all those years on the gridiron.

"I don't think the fact that none of my teams ever won a national championship is a hole in my coaching career," Schembechler said after Michigan's 17-10 loss to Southern California in his coaching finale, the 1990 Rose Bowl. "In my own mind, I know that we've had three or four teams worthy of being national champs; they just didn't get the votes."

Though Schembechler never won it all in football, he loomed large when the basketball Wolverines reached the top. His presence during the tournament seemed almost as great as that of Steve Fisher, the assistant coach Bo tabbed to guide the Wolverines after telling Bill Frieder, who had announced he was bound for Arizona State after the tournament, to take a hike immediately. Whether he was telling reporters he wanted "a Michigan man" coaching the Wolverines, bending the ears of wayward players or fending off questions about whether he would elevate



GREG RUSSELL

Now that Bo is history, Hayden Fry, with 11 years at Iowa, becomes the dean of Big Ten coaches.

Fisher from interim to full-time coach, Schembechler was both seen and heard nationwide at a time when he ordinarily would be barking orders during spring drills.

But that was Bo. He had a personality that commanded attention, if not always respect, as well as the power and influence to get things done, both at his school and in his conference. And now that he's moved from the gridiron to the diamond as president of the Detroit Tigers, there's

a void in the Big Ten.

"Name one (current) coach in the Big Ten who has been as dominant and has the personality of Schembechler," Duke said. "Can you? I can't, either. Not one. That's a big change right there."

Said Bay: "Anytime you lose as great a coach with as strong of a personality, you lose a little of your identity. You lose a little credibility. A conference is perceived by the strength of its coaches. When you lose a guy of Bo's personality, you lose a piece of yourself."

That doesn't mean the Big Ten is in imminent danger of collapse, of course. It just means life in the Big Ten won't be the same.

"The conference has had changes before," Michigan State Coach George Perles said. "We had change when Hayes left. When (Don) Canham left (as Michigan's athletic director). When somebody leaves, life goes on."

League Commissioner Jim Delany agreed. "The Big Ten has been in business for almost 100 years," he said. "Bo is a piece of history, but history moves on."

But in what direction? Wolverine fans aren't sure what to expect from new Coach Gary Moeller. They're accustomed to winning, and they expect nothing less than Big Ten titles and Rose Bowl victories from Schembechler's successor. Can he deliver?

On a leaguewide level, the question is

Michigan State's outspoken George Perles figures to become a more powerful figure in the league.



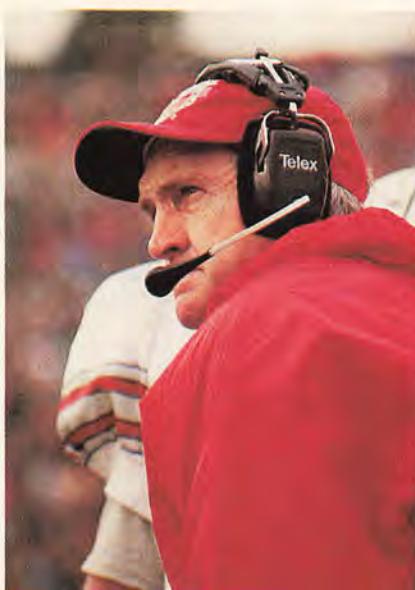
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whether someone else will assume Schembechler's role as the focal point of the conference. Will there be another larger-than-life coach in the Big Ten?

If Joe Paterno and Penn State were to begin Big Ten play this year, the answer would be yes. Despite a couple of recent subpar seasons, Paterno remains one of the collegiate game's most respected coaches. But even if Penn State were to join the league—the Big Ten presidents agreed in principle last December to extend an invitation—Paterno and his Nittany Lions would not get their shot at the Big Ten until at least the mid-1990s because of scheduling and other problems. So, Schembechler's throne remains wide open.

Among the applicants for the vacancy is Iowa's Hayden Fry, who with 11 years as the Hawkeyes' boss now becomes the coach with the most longevity in the conference. Another is John Cooper, who is trying to create new glory days at Ohio State. There are Michigan State's Perles and Illinois' John Mackovic, who exert influence not only through their success on the field, but also in their dual roles as athletic directors.

The league's other six coaches are possibilities, albeit lesser ones. Bill Mallory has earned respect for making Indiana respectable. Minnesota's John Gutekunst, Purdue's Fred Akers, Northwestern's Francis Peay and Wisconsin's new coach, Barry Alvarez, all have their hands full



PER KJELDSEN

Woody's legacy doesn't faze John Cooper, who learned quickly about expectations at Ohio State.

trying to field winning teams. And, finally, there's Moeller, who will be burdened by working under Schembechler's large shadow.

Will one of these men be the next Big Ten kingpin? Delany, for one, doesn't think it's fair to even ask.

"Bo did what he did for a long time,"

the commissioner said. "He did it in the big time, and he did it without breaking the rules, and with his kids graduating. I don't know if many have done what he's done, including the legends. At a time of a lot of gray and ambiguity, he was an unambiguous person."

"But what Bo did, he did over 25 years. You don't just step forward and do what he did immediately. It takes time."

Though Schembechler's departure marks a changing of the guard in the Big Ten, it also may not be fair to call the remaining coaches the new guard. After all, Fry is entering his 29th season as a major college head coach, Mallory his 21st, Akers his 16th and Cooper his 14th. Perles is going on his eighth year at Michigan State. The other conference coaches also are rich in experience. They had their baptism in this business a long time ago.

The group does represent a new guard, however, simply because Woody and Bo were virtually the entire guard for almost two generations. Now a new group will emerge. Only two of the coaches (Moeller and Alvarez) are actually starting new jobs this season, but even some of the veterans will gain fresh recognition with Bo out of the picture.

"There are a lot of good coaches in this league," Delany said. "It wasn't just Bo."

At Iowa, Fry's Big Ten tenure has

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caught him by surprise. He said it doesn't seem possible that he now is the conference's elder statesman. "Time flies when you're having fun," Fry said. "It seems like yesterday."

In 1979, Fry inherited a dismal Hawkeye program and transformed it into a winner. Fry took Iowa to the Rose Bowl twice in the 1980s, and his teams have been almost perennial contenders. The Hawkeyes' 5-6 campaign last fall was the team's first losing effort since 1980. With his wit and Texan drawl, Fry has become a folk hero in Iowa.

Yet despite his success, longevity and personality, Fry hasn't become a major presence beyond his state's borders. When Big Ten observers were asked who they thought would take Bo's mantle, Fry's name rarely was the first to come to mind.

"He's just not the kind of guy you think of for that," said one conference insider who requested anonymity. "It's not his style."

For his part, Fry doesn't seem to care whether the Big Ten spotlight swings his way or not. "I never think about that kind of stuff," he said. "I only think about going out there and doing things my own way."

Perles definitely has been his own man at Michigan State. A tough talker, he rarely minces words. At the 1989 Big Ten kickoff ceremonies, Perles stepped to the microphone in front of reporters and, in a stream of consciousness, posed questions to himself and then answered them.

"I knew what you guys were going to ask," he scowled. "I saved you guys the trouble."

Like Fry, Perles has rejuvenated a program that had fallen on hard times. The Spartans have gone to five bowl games in his seven seasons, including a Rose Bowl victory after the 1987 campaign. He stresses defense; the Spartans don't always score many points, but they don't give up many, either.

Perles has emerged as a leader among Big Ten coaches, and his success and outspoken manner have made him extremely popular in East Lansing. A pair of controversies during the off-season, however, put a few dents in Perles' and Michigan State's image.

In the spring, the Spartan program was rocked by allegations of steroid use. Denials were quick, and Perles said he had no knowledge of such activity.

Perles had been the subject of more direct criticism last January. Over the objections of university president John DiBiaggio and members of the school's Board of Trustees, Perles was named athletic director. That announcement came shortly after it was reported that he was headed to New York to coach the Jets, so many people thought Perles exercised a power play to get the athletic director job.

The firestorm stung Perles. "It's not fun anytime you have people criticizing you,"

he said. "I've worked hard and kept my mouth shut. I was brought up to respect the people I work for. If the president calls, I'm there. It's working out."

Despite the hubbub, Perles figures to become a more powerful figure in the Big Ten. Being athletic director as well as coach means he will have considerable influence.

"You have a chance to get greater input," Perles said. "You meet with the ADs, you meet with the coaches. You have a chance to shape policy."

Mackovic is in the same position. He was named the Illini's athletic director in December 1988, less than a year after arriving in Champaign, and he enters his third season at Illinois as one of the league's most prominent coaches.

Winning has had something to do with that. He assumed control of a program that was coming off back-to-back seven-loss seasons and quickly directed the Illini to a pair of bowl games. His 1989 team won 10 contests, contended for the Big Ten title and finished seventh in *The Sporting News'* final national rankings. He is the only man ever to be named Big Ten

Coach of the Year in each of his first two seasons.

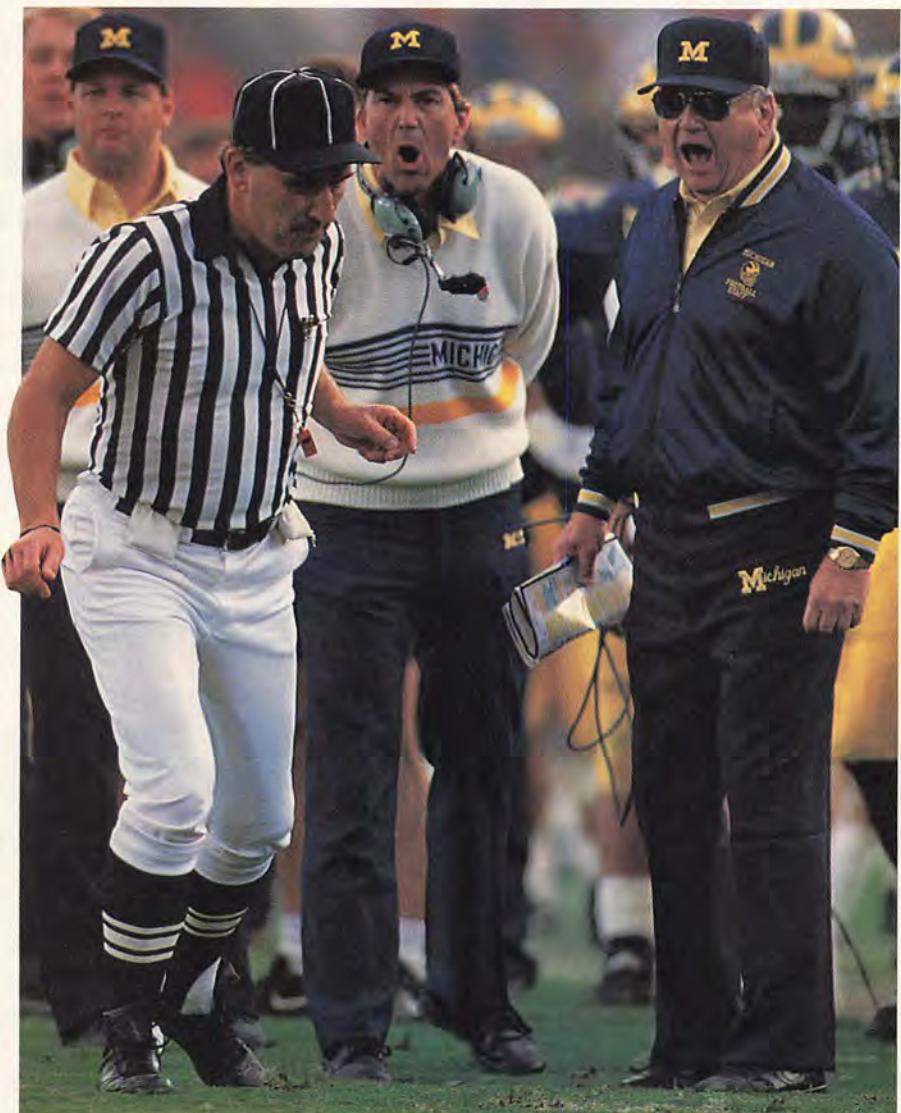
But Mackovic also commands respect because of his background as a National Football League coach—he directed the Kansas City Chiefs to their first playoff berth in 15 years in 1986—and his current administrative responsibilities at Illinois. An intellectual sort who is an authority on fine wine, Mackovic has had a quick impact on the league.

"I would like to think I've been good for Illinois, because people know who is running the program," Mackovic said. "I definitely have been able to have an impact with my own feelings on the way things should be. Many times we as administrators lose sight of what the coaches are going through. By wearing both hats, I can have greater input on the important issues."

Just being the coach at Ohio State brings instant credibility. Yet Cooper remains an unknown commodity.

Outspoken and perhaps the most accessible coach in the conference, Cooper learned quickly about expectations in Columbus. He discovered that Ohio State

Gary Moeller, who's coached at Bo's side for all but three seasons since 1967, recognizes the obstacles he faces in following a legend.



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fans don't take too kindly to 4-6-1 seasons, which the Buckeyes endured in 1988, Cooper's first year in Columbus after successful stints at Arizona State and Tulsa. The Buckeyes improved to 8-4 in 1989, but most of the faithful won't be appeased until Ohio State is back in Pasadena.

"I never came in here with any preconceived ideas," Cooper said. "I thought I would have better talent, but I could coach better, too. I never second-guessed myself for coming here. It was a good move for me. We're doing the right thing."

Cooper knows the legend of Hayes still is strong at Ohio State. The fans will never forget the 13 Big Ten titles, the eight Rose Bowls, the three national championships. But Woody's legacy doesn't faze Cooper.

"There's no pressure on me," he said. "People expect us to win. I expect us to win. If I didn't, I wouldn't be here. I don't worry about things I don't have any control over."

Moeller will have to take the same approach at Michigan. Though Cooper didn't succeed Hayes directly, he probably could teach Moeller a few things about following a legend.

Earle Bruce did succeed Hayes, and he might have even more to say. Bruce was dismissed after winning a mere 75 percent of his games at Ohio State. Other authorities on the subject include former Alabama coaches Ray Perkins and Bill Curry, who failed to survive in the land of Bear Bryant. Moeller also might look down the road and ask Akers what it was like following Darrell Royal at Texas. That Akers now is coaching the Boilermakers should provide part of the answer.

Of all the thankless jobs in sports, replacing a legend has to rate near the top of the list. Schembechler is gone from the sidelines, but he still will be present in the minds of many Michigan fans. Said one student in Ann Arbor: "For a few years, this Gary Moeller is still going to be in the background. Everybody's still going to be thinking about Bo."

Just as everyone was thinking about Woody when Bruce took the Buckeyes' reins. It didn't make his job any easier. Even though his teams played in eight bowl games (including two Rose Bowls) in nine years, Bruce was not invited back for a 10th season.

"It's unfair to compare Gary to Bo, just like it was unfair to compare Earle to Woody," said Bay, who became Ohio State's athletic director midway through Bruce's term in Columbus and resigned in protest after Bruce was fired. "I think it's in the best interests for the fans to be patient. Unfortunately, fans are not known for their patience. Gary will have to be successful quickly, or life will be difficult. Even then, some people won't let go of the memory of Bo. You'll never satisfy those people."

Moeller is not another Bo. He has a low-key, businesslike approach, whereas Schembechler was a loud, overbearing figure who mellowed little even after undergoing heart surgery in 1969 and 1987. In fact, Moeller following Bo is not unlike



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John Mackovic has had a quick impact on the league in his two seasons at Illinois.

an accountant following Jay Leno at the local comedy shack.

Moeller, though, recognizes the obstacles. It's not as if he's entering the job cold. With the exception of three seasons (1977-79) when he was head coach at Illinois, Moeller has been with Schembechler as an assistant coach since 1967, when Bo still was at Miami of Ohio. Moeller first encountered his longtime boss during Schembechler's years as an assistant to Hayes at Ohio State, where he lettered in 1960, '61 and '62.

"It's scary but exciting," said Moeller, who served as Michigan's assistant head coach and offensive coordinator from 1987-89. "I think you'll always feel the pressure. But how many guys get the opportunity to coach at Michigan? I've got a good situation here. I'm very fortunate."

His predecessor thinks Michigan and the Big Ten are fortunate to have him. Schembechler believes Moeller can become a leader in the conference.

"He'll be a strong leader," Schembechler said. "He'll speak his piece. He won't back down. He won't be laid-back. When he was chairman of the assistant coaches committee (a part of the American Football Coaches Association), he's the one who got the coaches retirement plan. He pushed it and pushed it. He's not soft. He's going to be very aggressive."

Nevertheless, Schembechler said he is "trying to keep a low profile" so as not to distract Moeller and the Wolverines. He tried to stay away from the football field during spring practice, although he did

sneak into the press box to watch the spring game. The real test, though, will be keeping a low profile this fall. "Come September, I'll have a tough time staying away," he said.

Moeller has stressed that he won't try to become another Schembechler. Instead, he plans to establish his own identity. His fellow coaches believe that's the best approach.

"Gary's got to do it the Gary Moeller way," Fry said. "He's got to be his own man. I imagine Gary's screwed his cleats on tight."

Moeller had better, because the rest of the Big Ten will be coming after him. The other coaches won't hesitate to exploit any apparent chink in Michigan's armor. Could Schembechler's absence be the Wolverines' Achilles' heel?

"I don't think so," Cooper said. "They had a good recruiting year, if that's any indication. In my mind, Michigan still is the favorite to win the championship."

"They still have so many resources," Mackovic said. "They've got that stadium and the tradition. They've got a lot of pieces in place. Michigan always will be in there."

They won't admit it, but Moeller's colleagues around the league surely are hoping secretly that the new coach doesn't pick right up where Schembechler left off. But even so, they'll miss Bo.

"I'll miss him at the coaches meetings," Perles said. "Now there will be someone else ribbing me."

They'll miss his competitiveness.

"You know why I hold him in such high regard?" Fry said. "Two years ago, we played a 17-17 tie with Michigan. After the game, we walk across the field to shake hands. Before I could say anything, he says, 'What a waste of time.' He was such a competitor."

They'll miss his tremendous presence.

"Bo has a certain aura," Mackovic said. "He was so dominant in the Big Ten. He would have been dominant anywhere. He could have stepped in during any time in history and become an elite coach."

Bo will be missed? Schembechler doesn't seem to think so.

"I think there are a lot of strong personalities in the conference," he said. "There are a lot of coaches who represent the values of college sports. There's George Perles; he's a strong speaker. Hayden Fry, there's a wealth of experience there. Bill Mallory will be a strong force. Fred Akers has a great background."

"All of these guys have been around for a long time. I don't think my leaving will make that much of a difference."

History marches on in the Big Ten, where many coaching legends have come and gone: Michigan's Fielding Yost and Fritz Crisler, Michigan State's Duffy Daugherty and Biggie Munn, Illinois' Bob Zuppke, Minnesota's Bernie Bierman, Iowa's Forest Evashevski and others. Ohio State, of course, had Hayes.

Last January, when he turned his team over to Moeller, Schembechler closed his chapter in the Big Ten history book.

For now, the next chapter is untitled. ■

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Keep an eye on these players, coaches and whatnot

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FUTURE DOUGH BOYS

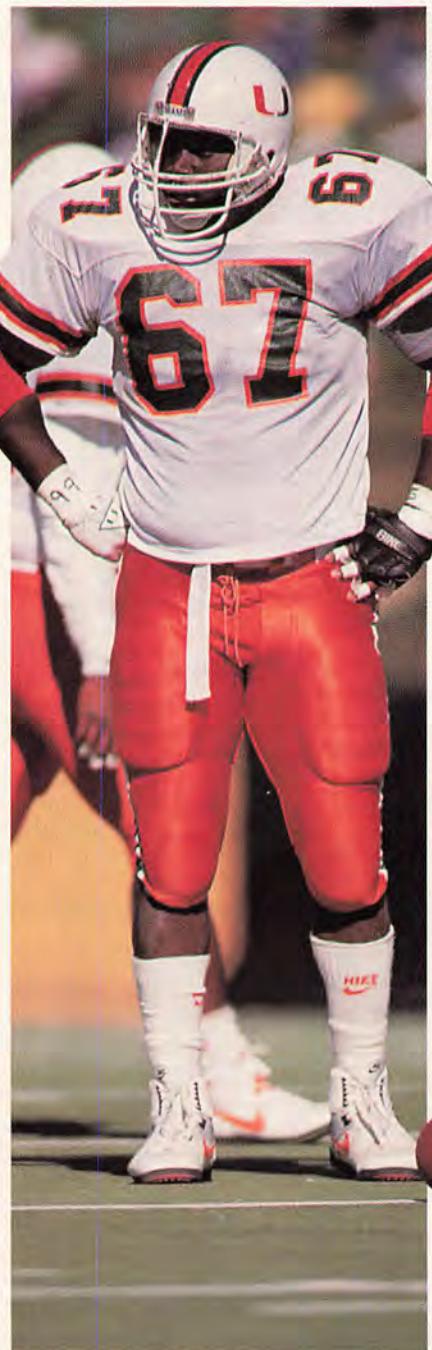
The top dozen senior prospects for the 1991 National Football League draft:

1. Todd Lyght, CB, Notre Dame. Lyght, the collegiate game's most talented pure cornerback in years, could be the No. 1 pick.
2. Huey Richardson, OLB/DE, Florida. If he continues to progress as expected, Richardson should become the greatest of the Gators' numerous outstanding linebackers.
3. Russell Maryland, DT, Miami (Fla.). Barring injury or a decision to enter the NFL early via the supplemental draft, Maryland should make it five straight years that the Hurricanes have had a defensive player drafted in the first round.
4. Alfred Williams, OLB/DE, Colorado. Williams, who rates comparisons with Carl Banks, just keeps getting better. He'll reach his peak as a pro.
5. Tripp Welborne, S, Michigan. Welborne, the best safety in the country, combines superior athleticism with an intimidating demeanor that makes opponents wonder, "How much do I want the ball?"
6. Chris Zorich, NT, Notre Dame. Zorich is the meanest, toughest, dirtiest player in the game.
7. John Flannery, C, Syracuse. Flannery's ability to play all three offensive line positions enhances his stock.
8. Chuck Weatherspoon, RB, Houston. Weatherspoon often is overlooked because of the Cougars' vast array of offensive weapons. But he can run, catch and block with the best.
9. Michael Stonebreaker, ILB, Notre Dame. Stonebreaker compensates for his lack of size with his intense desire to hunt and confront ballcarriers.
10. Aaron Craver, RB, Fresno State. Pro scouts are well aware of Craver's all-purpose ability. He's a big-time player who simply lacks national recognition.
11. Paul Justin, QB, Arizona State. Justin's style isn't considered elegant, but he's a winner. His savvy and tenacity would make Terry Bradshaw proud.
12. Louis Riddick, S, Pittsburgh. Riddick is a raw prospect in need of refining, but he has all the tools to be an NFL safety in the '90s.

I'LL GO, I'LL GO

It's impossible to predict which underclassmen will opt to turn pro early, but identifying the worthy candidates isn't so hard. The 1991 NFL draft, which by that time may even be open to sophomores, could include the following players with remaining athletic eligibility:

1. Alonzo Spellman, DE, Ohio State, Soph. Sound ridiculous? But remember, Keith McCants and Junior Seau accumulated just two years of on-the-job training before heading for the NFL. Spellman's combination of size, speed and quickness epitomizes the ultimate defender.
2. Ken Swilling, S, Georgia Tech, Jr. Like Spellman, Swilling has loads of athletic ability. Swilling, whose cousin Pat plays for the New Orleans Saints, reminds scouts of Kenny Easley.
3. Raghib (Rocket) Ismail, WR/RB, Notre Dame, Jr. The speedy Ismail is equally talented at executing precise pass patterns and finding the open hole in the offensive front. If he makes himself available, he could be the No. 1 pick.
4. Ty Detmer, QB, Brigham Young, Jr. Detmer appears adamant about earning his diploma before playing with the big boys, but then Andre Ware and Barry Sanders made similar claims. Detmer, rated by many as the greatest of BYU's quarterbacks, definitely would be the first passer selected.
5. Derek Brown, TE, Notre Dame, Jr. With another year of blocking training under Lou Holtz, Brown should be in the same class as Keith Jackson and Kellen Winslow.
6. Jason Hanson, K/P, Washington State, Jr. Hanson will become the standard by which all kickers are measured in the 1990s.
7. Robert Wilson, FB, Texas A&M, Jr. Teammate Darren Lewis receives the publicity while Wilson administers the bruises. Wilson is a battering ram inside who can run, block and catch. Scouts are still searching for a chink in his armor.
8. Jesse Campbell, S, North Carolina State, Jr. The Pacific-10 Conference gave the NFL Ronnie Lott and Easley; the Atlantic Coast Conference will provide a comparable pair of center fielders in Campbell and Swilling.
9. Chuck Webb, RB, Tennessee, Soph. Webb may be the best pure running back prospect

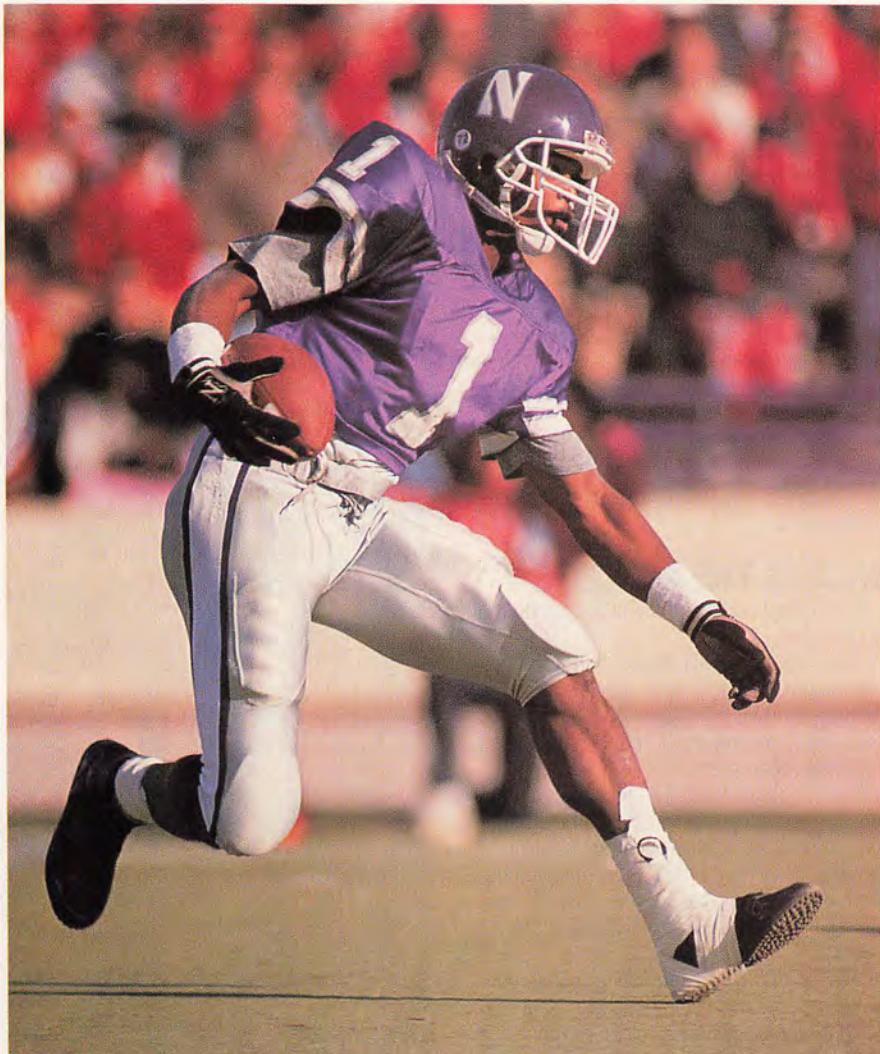


*First-round bound:
Miami's Russell Maryland.*



JOHN WILLIAMS

Welcome addition: Stanford's Glyn Milburn (transfer/Oklahoma).



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Winning isn't everything: Northwestern's Richard Buchanan.

since Herschel Walker.

10. Herman Moore, WR, Virginia, Jr. Moore is the type of receiver quarterbacks love; if the ball doesn't come to him, he gets to the ball. He is a big-play guy with great athletic ability.

11. Carl Pickens, WR/S, Tennessee, Soph. Pickens may be the best all-purpose athlete in the game. He became a two-way player as a freshman last fall, and he'll continue to return kicks.

12. Todd Marinovich, QB, Southern California, Soph. Why not? He has been groomed by his father to be a pro passer since day one.

THE MICHAEL JORDANS

These players carry their teams on their shoulders. If not for them, their respective schools can count on losing at least two or three more games a season:

1. Blaise Bryant, RB, Iowa State.
2. Dan McGwire, QB, San Diego State.
3. Marinovich, Southern Cal.
4. Bill Musgrave, QB, Oregon.
5. Brett Favre, QB, Southern Mississippi.
6. Gary Hollingsworth, QB, Alabama.
7. Richardson, Florida.
8. Browning Nagle, QB, Louisville.
9. T.J. Rubley, QB, Tulsa.
10. Shawn Moore, QB, Virginia.

BEST OF THE WORST

The top dozen players from the nation's worst teams:

1. Donald Hollas, QB, Rice.
2. Reggie Barrett, WR, Texas-El Paso.
3. Richard Buchanan, WR, Northwestern.
4. Michael Smith, WR, Kansas State.
5. Curtis Moore, LB, Kansas.
6. Troy Vincent, CB, Wisconsin.
7. Pat Rogan, LB, Kansas.
8. Corey Harris, HB, Vanderbilt.
9. Alton Grizzard, QB, Navy.
10. Mike Romo, QB, Southern Methodist.
11. Cary Brabham, S, SMU.
12. Kenyatta Rush, DT, Temple.

DOWNFIELD FLIERS

The 10 best coverage players on special teams:

1. Michigan State trio of Dixon Edwards, Carlos Jenkins and Brian Jones.
2. Mike Dumas, Indiana.
3. Corian Freeman, Florida State.
4. Jessie Armstead, Miami (Fla.).
5. Ashley Sheppard, Clemson.
6. Merton Hanks, Iowa.
7. Le'Shai Maston, Baylor.
8. Craig Gob, Pitt.
9. Courtney Griffin, Fresno State.
10. Matt Martinez, Utah State.

Note: Alabama's Lorenzo (Whammy) Ward was omitted because of questionable eligibility status.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS

A dozen newcomers who will help their teams immediately:

1. Leonard Russell, TB, Arizona State, Jr.

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(transfer/junior college).

2. Glyn Milburn, HB, Stanford, Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma).
3. Eddie Blake, OG, Auburn, Jr. (transfer/junior college).
4. Sean Gilbert, DE, Pitt, Soph. (Prop 48).
5. Arnold Ale, LB, UCLA, Soph. (transfer/Notre Dame).
6. Jeff Cummins, DE, Oregon, Jr. (transfer/junior college).
7. Mike Chalenski, DE, UCLA, Soph. (transfer/Pitt).
8. Steve Lee, LB, Fresno State, Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma).
9. Lloyd Hill, WR, Texas Tech, Fr.
10. Rogan, Kansas, Soph. (transfer/Ohio State).
11. Tyrone Rodgers, DT, Washington, Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma).
12. Quentin Coryatt, LB, Texas A&M, Jr. (Prop 48, academics).

KEEP THOSE RESUMES HANDY

Four head coaches who could be packing their bags next winter if their teams don't start making some noise:

1. Mike Archer, Louisiana State. Archer's teams never achieve their potential. His Tigers went 4-7 last season, a year they were expected to contend for the Southeastern Conference crown. Plus, he's an outsider (Miami Hurricanes). That formula doesn't add up to a sense of security. Anything less than eight wins probably means he's gone.
2. Jim Wacker, Texas Christian. Wacker makes the list for the second consecutive year. Because he's a class act, school officials have given him numerous opportunities to rebuild the program. He won't get any more if this season is a bust.
3. David McWilliams, Texas. TSN predicts the rejuvenation of the Longhorn program under McWilliams in 1990. If we're wrong, it's 50-50 that McWilliams survives.
4. Jack Bicknell, Boston College. Bicknell is a fine coach and assistant Barry Gallup can recruit with the best, but without proper institutional support, the Eagles could become perennial losers. Bicknell would be the scapegoat.

UPWARDLY MOBILE

A dozen assistant coaches who will be the hottest commodities to fill head coaching vacancies in the near future:

1. Wayne Hall, defensive coordinator/defensive line, Auburn.
2. Dick Winder, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Texas Tech.
3. Lou Tepper, defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, Illinois.
4. Chuck Reedy, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Baylor.
5. Bill Meyers, offensive coordinator/offen-

sive line, Pitt.

6. Mark Richt, quarterbacks, Florida State.
7. Pat Hill, offensive line, Arizona.
8. Rich Ellerson, associate head coach/defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, Hawaii.
9. Joe Tiller, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/offensive line, Washington State.
10. Bob Bratkowski, offensive coordinator/receivers, Miami (Fla.).
11. Jim Colletto, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, Ohio State.
12. Paul Johnson, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks/running backs, Hawaii.

GRADE-A ASSISTANTS

The top 10 offensive and defensive assistant coaches, regardless of their marketability as a head coach:

OFFENSE

1. Homer Smith, coordinator/quarterbacks, UCLA.
2. Richt, Florida State.
3. Reedy, Baylor.
4. Tiller, Washington State.
5. Meyers, Pitt.
6. Phillip Fulmer, assistant head coach/coordinator/line, Tennessee.
7. Winder, Texas Tech.
8. Keith Gilbertson, line, Washington.
9. Larry Van Der Heyden, line, Clemson.
10. Steve Sloan, coordinator/quarterbacks, Vanderbilt.

DEFENSE

1. Hall, Auburn.
2. Jerry Sandusky, coordinator, Penn State.
3. Fred vonAppen, assistant head coach/coordinator/line, Pitt.
4. Tepper, Illinois.
5. Larry Lacewell, coordinator/linebackers, Tennessee.
6. Gary Darnell, coordinator/inside linebackers, Notre Dame.
7. Bill Brashier, coordinator/linebackers/assistant head coach, Iowa.
8. Mickey Andrews, coordinator/secondary, Florida State.
9. Leon Fuller, coordinator/linebackers, Texas.
10. Chuck Amato, assistant head coach/line, Florida State.

RATING THE LEAGUES

A numerical ranking of the nine Division I-A conferences:

1. Southeastern. This league has more talented teams than any other. Such schools as Mississippi State and Kentucky, which have wallowed in mediocrity in the SEC, would be legitimate contenders in six other leagues. Auburn, Alabama and Tennessee enter the '90s as Top 10-type programs. Florida, Georgia, LSU and even Mississippi are capable of earning New Year's Day bowl invitations. There might be no other league in pro or amateur sports with such a solid collection of teams.
2. Pacific-10. This league offers a variety of styles, the lone bond being success. Southern Cal, Washington and Oregon are workmanlike teams. UCLA, Stanford and Arizona are adept at the finesse game (although the Wildcats

have boasted some of the toughest defenders of the 1980s). With the exception of California and Oregon State, each institution has been a contender at some point in the last decade. The league's success in bowl games is phenomenal. And the Pac-10 has what may be the finest group of coaches in the nation.

3. Big Ten. The Big Ten is the nation's macho circuit. It annually fields some of the finest defensive units in the land. On the other hand, the league rarely boasts a strong second division. In fact, the '80s revealed Big Ten



Head coaching material:
Auburn's Wayne Hall.



parity for the first time since the advent of Woody-and-Bo ball. At this point, Michigan, Illinois, Michigan State and Ohio State are the only Big Ten teams with an abundance of talented players.

4. Atlantic Coast. The ACC, the nation's most underrated league, has a superb collection of coaches and features four programs with solid foundations. Clemson remains the dominant team, but Virginia, N.C. State and Georgia Tech are in a position to be annual bowl contenders. Only the exodus of the top coaches

can keep the ACC from becoming a national force in the next few years.

5. Big Eight. The Big Eight boasts the best three programs under one league banner—Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma—but the other five teams are in rebuilding or comatose stages. Iowa State is showing signs of life and some good things are happening at Missouri, but the league's second division is, frankly, pitiful.

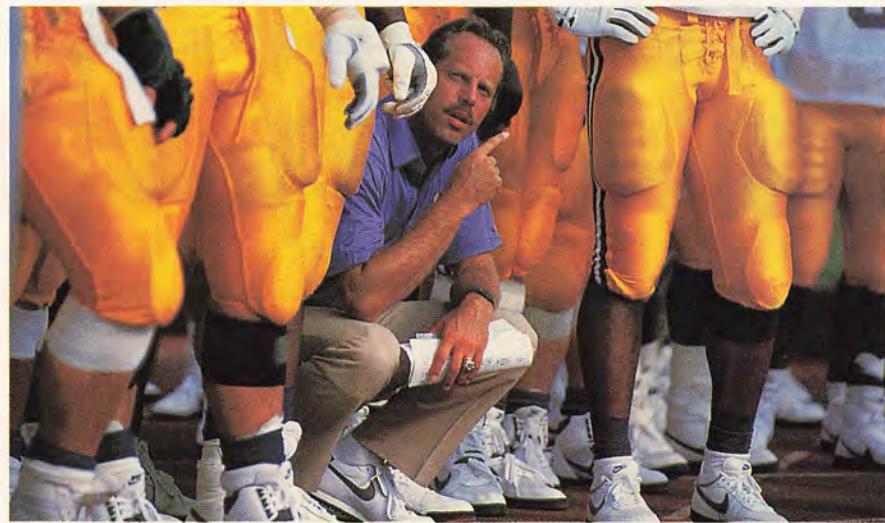
6. Southwest. Once one of the nation's top leagues, the Southwest is striving to regain

such status. The conference sent three teams bowling last year, while Houston's probation kept the Cougars home for the holidays. Texas A&M and Houston are legitimate Top 20 contenders. If McWilliams can finally rescue Texas and Arkansas can keep winning under first-year Coach Jack Crowe, the SWC will rise a notch or two.

7. Western Athletic. This is an up-and-coming circuit. With the likely addition of Fresno State, the WAC could rate with the big boys. BYU, Hawaii and Wyoming have laid successful foundations, while Air Force is competitive. But the league's second division features weak teams stocked with average talent and coaches.

8. Big West. This conference produces top-notch skill-position talent but below-average teams—except for Fresno State, a tremendous program that gets little attention. Nevada-Las Vegas and Long Beach State should improve with new coaches, and San Jose State is consistently competitive. But only Fresno State could hope to contend in a league such as the ACC.

9. Mid-American. This league produces more scholars than NFL stars, and there's nothing wrong with that. But the fact remains, the MAC is little better than a Division I-AA league. It may wind up on that level someday.



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The heat is on (above): Louisiana State's Mike Archer (above). Game of the year (below): Miami (Fla.) at Notre Dame.



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THE BIG BOWLS

Until a Division I-A championship tournament is created, these bowl games have the best chance of determining a national champion in any particular year:

1. Orange Bowl. As long as the folks in Miami have the often-undefeated Big Eight champion coming to town, this game will be a key to declaring the nation's No. 1 team.

2. Florida Citrus Bowl. This game is a sponsor away from claiming the top spot. The bowl's ACC affiliation makes a national championship game in Orlando a virtual certainty before too long.

3. Fiesta Bowl. Without conference ties, the Fiesta is able to match up the two best available teams. That formula worked in the '80s.

4. Rose Bowl. Pasadena always plays host to the champions of two of the nation's strongest leagues.

5. Sugar Bowl. This game is aligned with the nation's best conference. Unfortunately, the SEC is so good that an undefeated champion is unlikely.

THE BIG GAMES

These regular-season contests will pave the way to the national championship:

1. Miami (Fla.) at Notre Dame, October 20.
2. Florida State at Miami (Fla.), October 6.
3. Michigan at Notre Dame, September 15.
4. Colorado at Nebraska, November 3.
5. Florida State at Auburn, October 20.
6. Colorado at Illinois, September 15.
7. Illinois at Michigan, November 10.
8. Auburn at Alabama, December 1.
9. Notre Dame at Southern Cal, November 24.
10. Southern Cal at UCLA, November 17.
11. Georgia at Clemson, October 6.
12. UCLA at Michigan, September 22.

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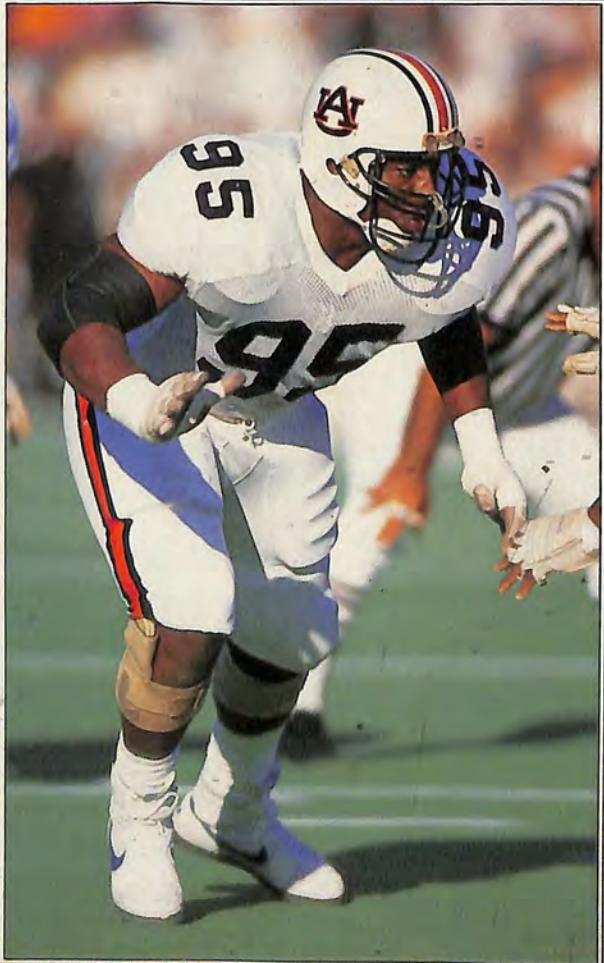
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AUBURN

The nation's best college football program? Most fans would select either Miami or Notre Dame. Most coaches, however, would put Auburn right up there, too. Under Coach Pat Dye, the Tigers boast four Southeastern Conference championships, annual treks to bowl games, a slew of All-Americans and a Heisman Trophy winner. But unlike the Hurricanes and Fighting Irish, Dye's guys haven't won a national championship. They will in 1990. The Tigers' defensive troops could be the school's best ever, and the offensive line might never be penetrated. There's talent galore.

Defensive tackle
David Rocker



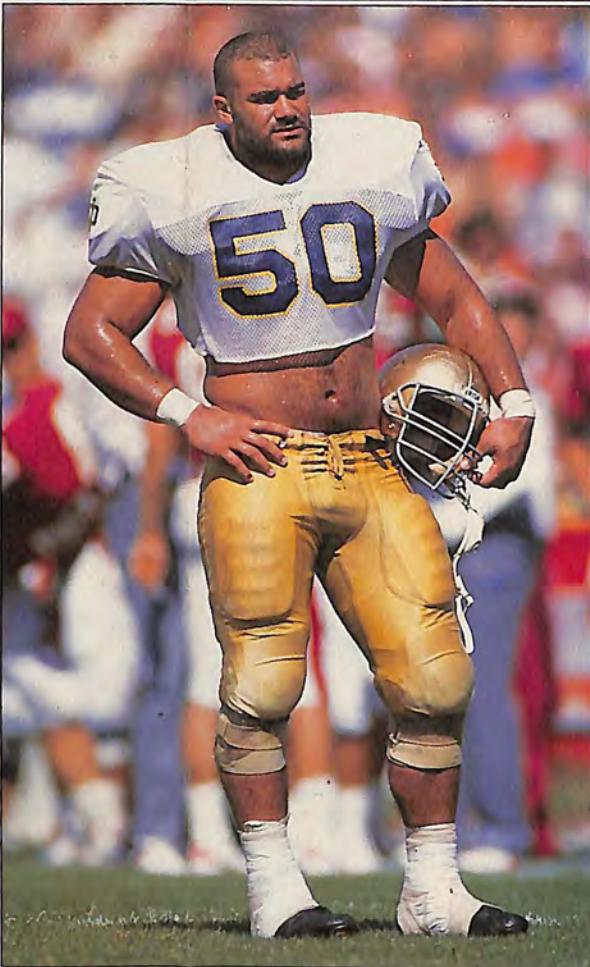
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NOTRE DAME

"This could be my best team at the University of Notre Dame." Was Lou Holtz kidnaped and replaced by a look-alike? When he spoke those words a few months ago, he didn't sound like the Fighting Irish coach who has made the practice of downgrading his team an art form. That optimism speaks volumes about the 1990 Irish. Quarterback Tony Rice is gone, but the offense shouldn't miss a beat as Rick Mirer takes command of a well-manned passing attack. And Irish fans need not worry about the defense. The lone roadblock is a schedule from hell.

Nose tackle
Chris Zorich



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NEBRASKA

All that kept the Cornhuskers from the Orange Bowl and a shot at the national title last season was a loss at Colorado. But with the Buffaloes traveling to Lincoln and a schedule that again promises plenty of second-half rest for the starters, Nebraska could reach Miami this winter with nary a loss. The Cornhusker offense probably will be led by Mike Grant, a multitalented signal-caller along the lines of Turner Gill and Steve Taylor who could emerge as the best of the bunch. If he lives up to billing, Nebraska foes may wish they could play the Jets or Falcons instead.

Linebacker
Mike Croel



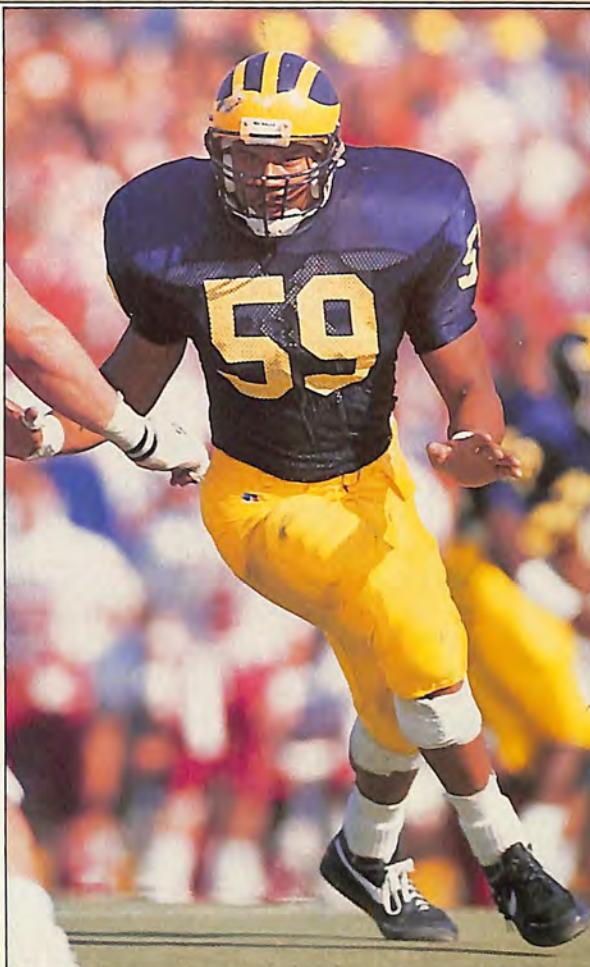
John Williamson

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MICHIGAN

Can Mo match Bo? That's the question facing the Wolverines, but for the upcoming campaign it's a moot point. Michigan has enough talent to stock the entire Mid-American Conference, so first-year Coach Gary Moeller's ability to replace Bo (I know baseball) Schembechler won't really be tested until 1991, when many of his top players move on to the NFL. Except for their receivers and defensive linemen, the Wolverines, unit by unit, can match the best. It remains to be seen whether they can beat the best: But then, they had problems doing that consistently under Bo.

Linebacker
Alex Marshall



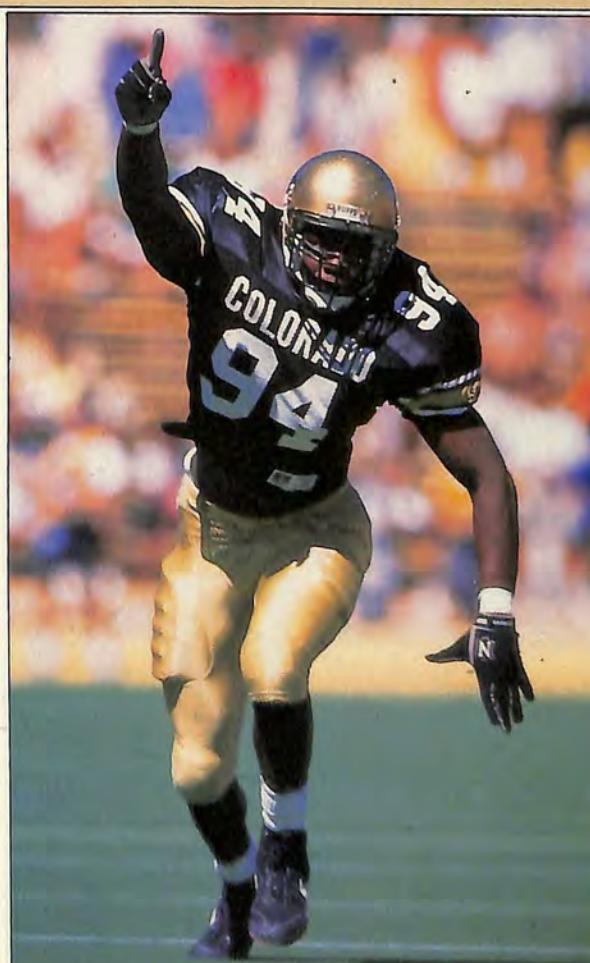
Tom DiPace

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COLORADO

Opposing coaches trying to plot strategy against the Buffaloes will be hard pressed to find a weak spot to attack. Colorado's offense is nearly unstoppable, its defense is an immovable force and its special teams, save one Orange Bowl appearance, rate with the nation's best. The Buffs boast a superb coaching staff headed by Bill McCartney and one of the nation's finest recruiters in Rick George, so the foundation for greatness is in place. Last season's run at the national crown was a good start. Only a tough schedule and questionable depth can slow down the Buffs.

Linebacker
Alfred Williams



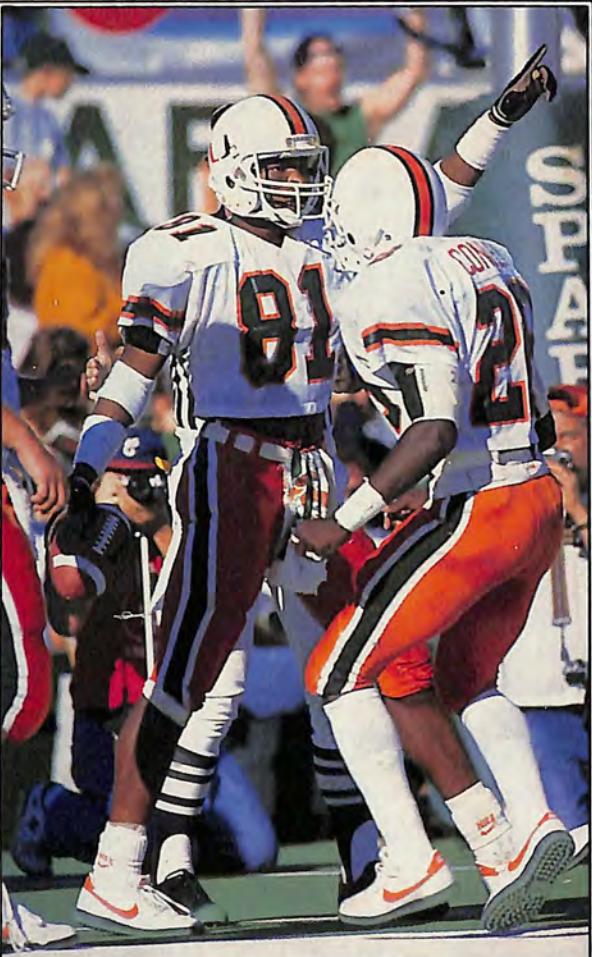
Cliff Grassmick

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MIAMI (FLA.)

The program of the '80s enters the '90s with no signs of imminent decline. The defending national champions have so much team speed and depth that few opponents can match up. That is especially true on defense, which, contrary to public opinion, is the Hurricanes' strongest point. The scheme is simple—the linemen attack upfield while the linebackers follow the ball and the backs focus on the run—but it works. There are questions offensively, but the only apparent obstacles between Miami and another crown are games against BYU, Florida State and Notre Dame.

Wide receiver Wesley Carroll

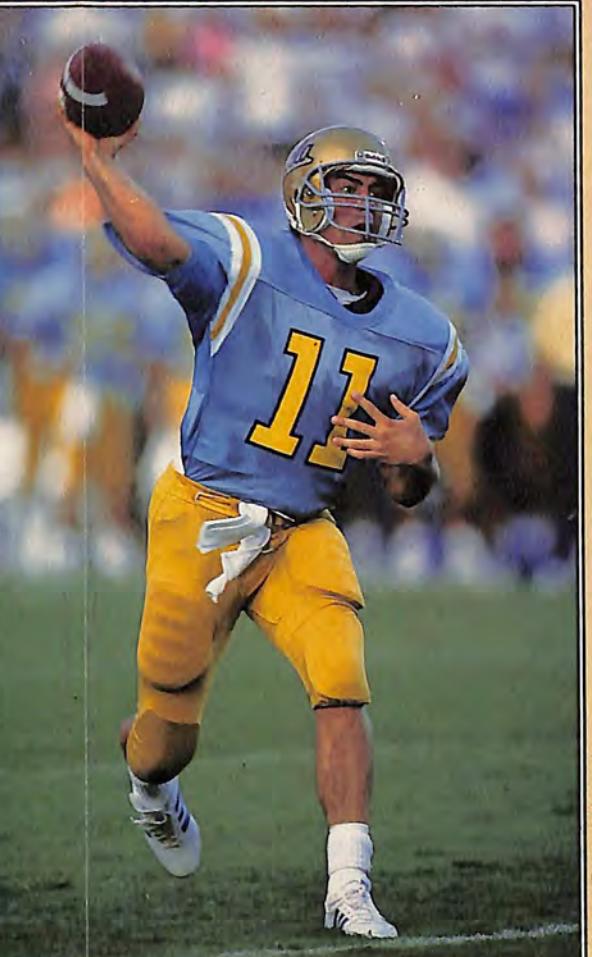


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UCLA

After a nightmarish season that produced three wins, the Bruins seemingly needed a magic genie to put the pieces back together. But Coach Terry Donahue has recruiting coordinator Bill Rees, and that's just as good. Rees assembled a strong freshman class to go along with two defensive transfers, Mike Chalenski from Pittsburgh and Arnold Ale from Notre Dame, both of whom are worthy All-America candidates. The Bruins also return an abundance of improving skill-position players, so don't be surprised if they play an extra game in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Quarterback Bret Johnson

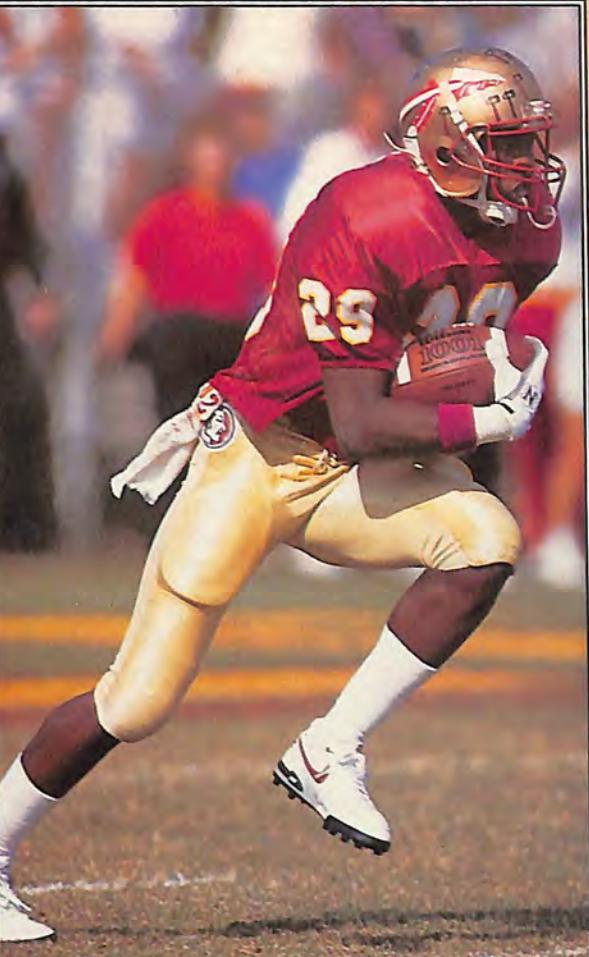


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FLORIDA STATE

Secure with a lifetime contract, Coach Bobby Bowden is building the program of the future. Though a difficult schedule and inexperience at several skill positions could make the 1990 campaign a challenge, the Seminoles should be regular national championship contenders for a long time. They will benefit not only from several strong recruiting classes in recent years, but also the likelihood of many more to come. The fact that Bowden will be stalking the sidelines in Tallahassee until retirement gives Seminole recruits a sense of security that few schools can offer.

Flanker Lawrence Dawsey



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ILLINOIS

This program is like a breath of fresh air. Fighting Illini fans are happy if their team is competitive with the Michigans of the world, and an occasional Rose Bowl trip is delightful. It's the players who have the lofty expectations; they settle for nothing less than perfection. Even with the loss of quarterback Jeff George, the Illini should excel because the heart of the team—a defensive squad that enjoys inflicting pain—remains strong. And the Illini still have John Mackovic, perhaps the collegiate game's finest coach. Their main obstacle is a schedule with few patsies.

Fullback Howard Griffith

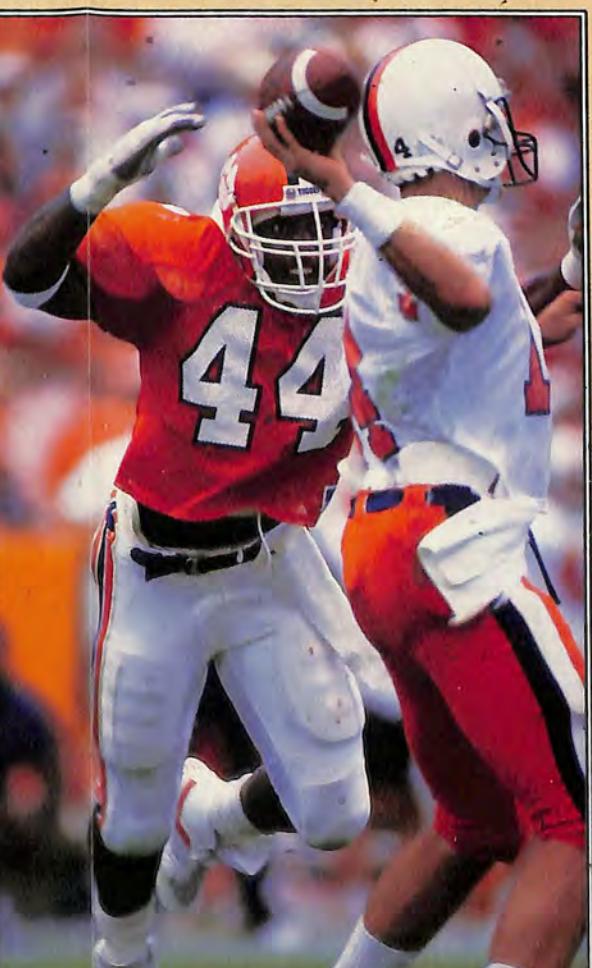


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CLEMSON

Despite the installation of a new coaching regime from Arkansas, drastic changes are not in store in Death Valley. Ken Hatfield will tamper little with the program other than to instruct interested parties to keep their wallets in their pockets and peruse the NCAA's recruiting rules. The forward pass will remain a gadget play and the defensive troops still will attack runners like hungry Dobermanns—if, that is, they decide Hatfield is an OK guy. The players openly revolted at Danny Ford's dismissal, and they didn't embrace Hatfield with open arms. Will they give him their best?

Linebacker Levon Kirkland



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WEST VIRGINIA

Seldom does a team prosper from the departure of its feature player, but such may be the case in Morgantown this fall. Quarterback Major Harris' decision to bypass his final season of eligibility in order to go pro caused less gnashing of teeth than most would expect. His replacement, Greg Jones, is an excellent passer who is viewed with respect by teammates. Harris lost that respect last season when he developed a self-serving attitude. The Mountaineers have a solid nucleus of returnees and a schedule conducive to a New Year's Day appearance.

Linebacker Steve Grant



Allen Dean Steele

John Bright

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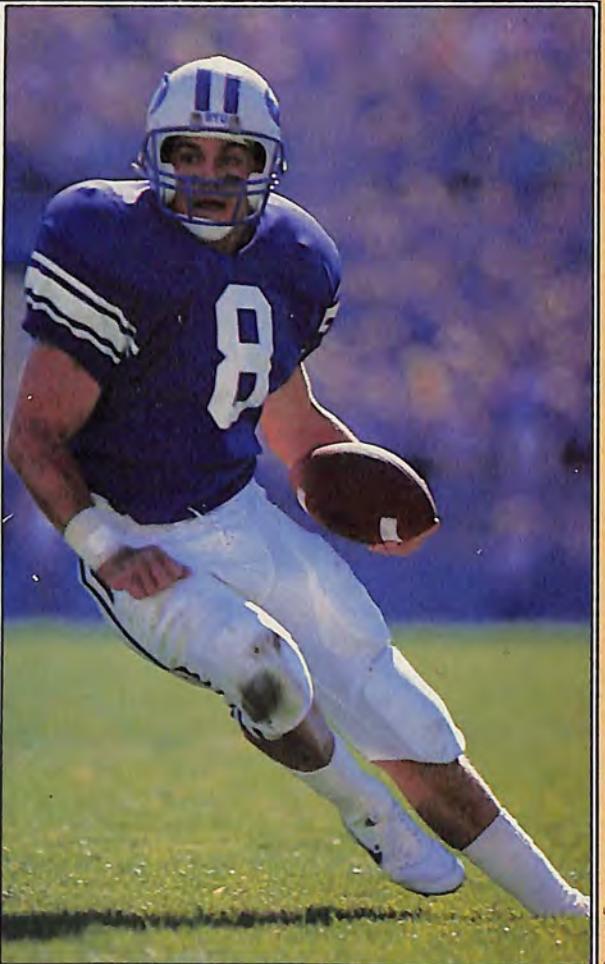
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BRIGHAM YOUNG

Unless the Cougars improve defensively, scoreboard fuses in Provo will be popping like firecrackers this season. There's no doubt about the Cougars' ability to rack up points; quarterback Ty Detmer is surrounded by plenty of talent. The question is whether they can do a better job of keeping opponents out of the end zone. Coach LaVell Edwards' most successful campaigns have featured an explosive offense and stingy defense, and both halves of the equation are critical to BYU's hopes for a Top 10 finish in 1990.

*Halfback
Matt Bellini*



George Frey

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SOUTHERN CAL

The NFL's decision to let underclassmen enter the draft wreaked havoc with Larry Smith's Trojans. The loss of safety Mark Carrier and linebacker Junior Seau left a gaping hole in the defense. The team as a whole lacks experience, so it's tough to put a finger on the Trojans. The lone guarantee is that they have plenty of gifted quarterbacks. Todd Marinovich has the makings of a future All-Pro, while backups Pat O'Hara and Reggie Perry would be starting almost anywhere else. The cupboard isn't bare, so if the Trojans are quick learners, a fourth straight Rose Bowl trip is possible.

*Guard
Mark Tucker*



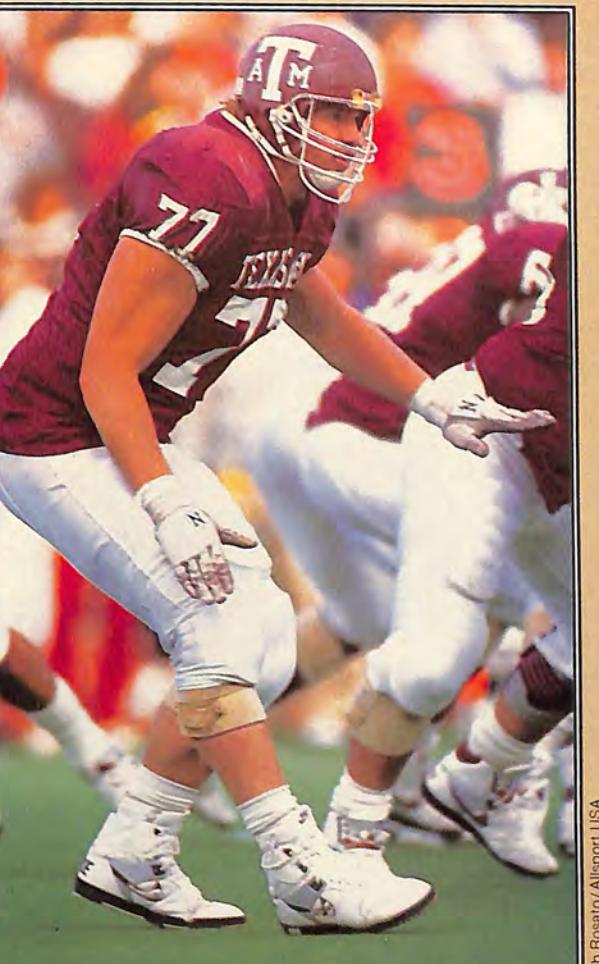
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TEXAS A&M

The Aggies have teased their loyal following in recent seasons, during which time the school's motto has become "Wait till next year." Sure, they've won a few Southwest Conference titles to appease the fans, but a national championship has continued to elude the talent-rich Aggies. An opposing coach said, "You can count on one hand the number of schools which trot out of the tunnel any better stable of athletes." Should the defensive unit solidify, enough big-play offensive types are on hand for Texas A&M to make another run at the No. 1 spot in the polls.

*Offensive tackle
Matt McCall*



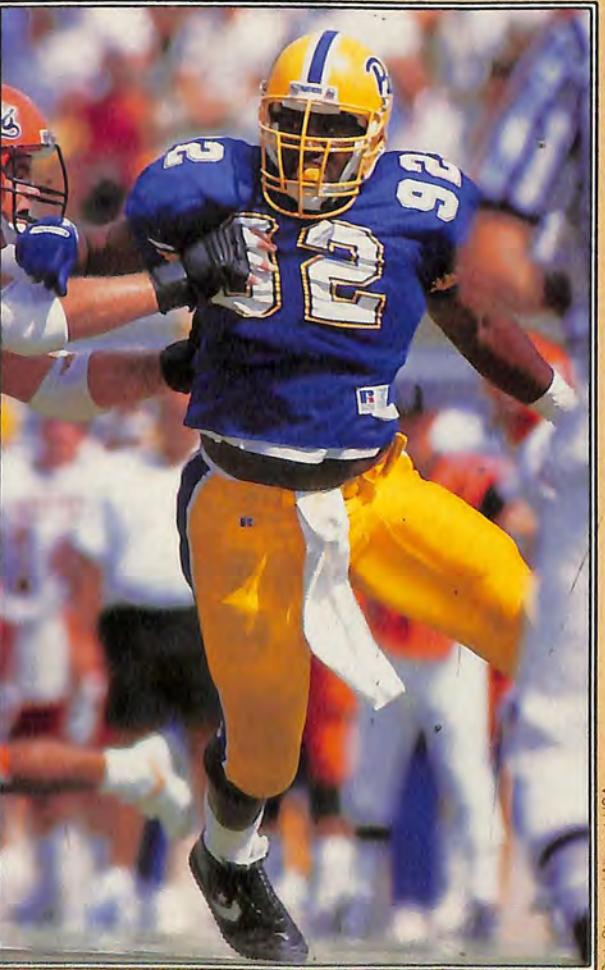
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PITTSBURGH

If this team is firing on all cylinders, it can contend for a Top 10 slot. Problem is, the Panthers always seem to be in that position before getting knocked out at the moment of truth. Tailback Curvin Richards and defensive end Keith Hamilton headline a strong cast of players, but Pitt's key to success may be the combination of Coach Paul Hackett, considered among the finest offensive tacticians in the business, and new defensive coordinator Fred vonAppen, who form one of the best coaching duos anywhere. They have their work cut out for them; the Panthers face a monster schedule.

*Defensive end
Keith Hamilton*



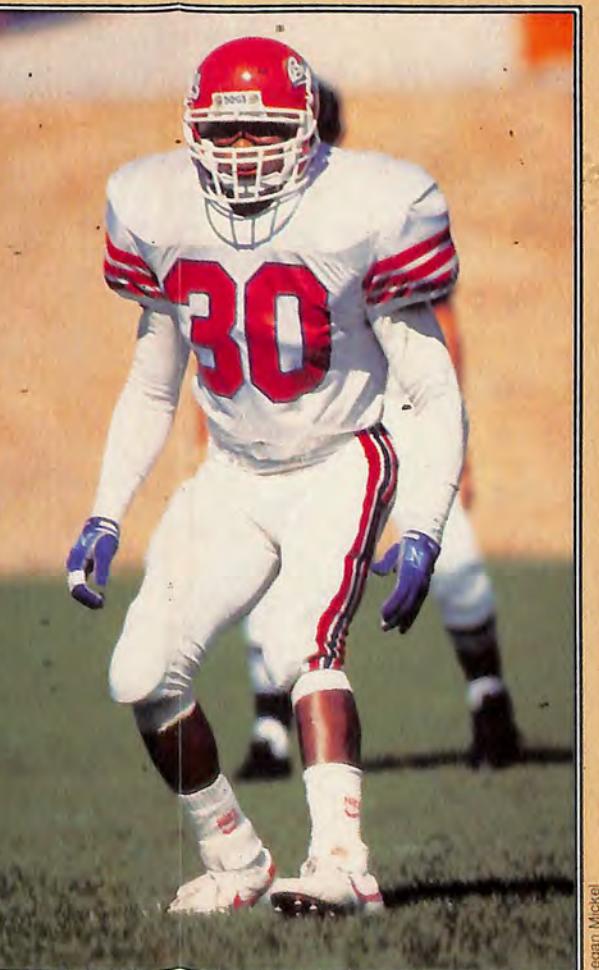
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FRESNO STATE

The Bulldogs are the nation's best-kept secret—for now. They'll gain prominence in the '90s as more people recognize that Coach Jim Sweeney has built a program that arguably rates behind only Southern Cal and UCLA on the West Coast. The foundation of Fresno's success has been depth at the skill positions, and this year is no different. Tailback Aaron Craver might be the best player you never heard of, while linebacker Steve Lee, a transfer from Oklahoma, is a future All-American. And the offensive line, though unproven, could be Sweeney's best ever.

*Safety
Marquez Pope*



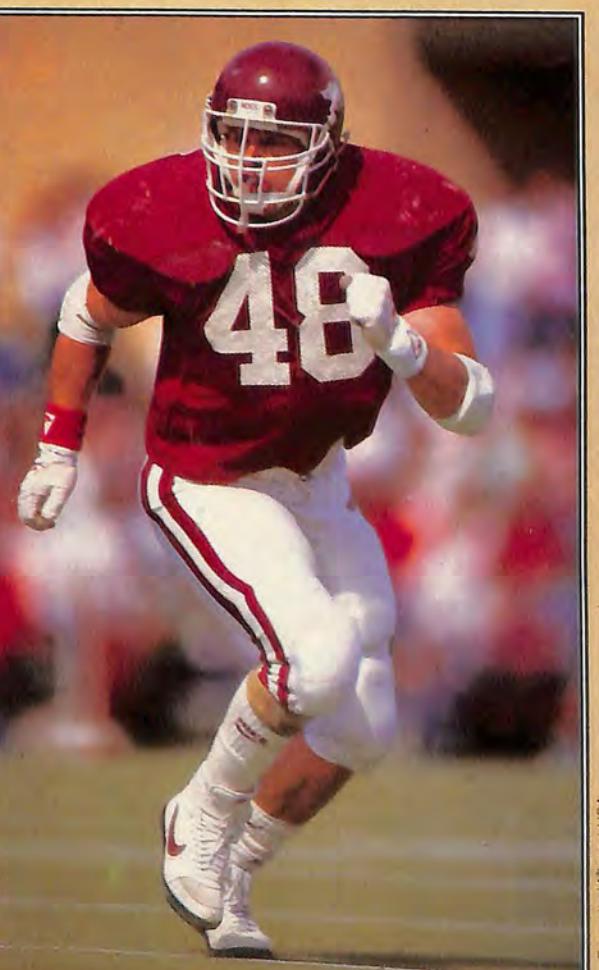
Megan Mckee

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ARKANSAS

Under Ken Hatfield, the Razorbacks overcame teams with greater talent and strength through discipline and hard work. But Hatfield departed for Clemson, leaving a team with few marquee types for Jack Crowe. Can Crowe inspire the Razorbacks to continue their overachieving ways? An even greater question is whether Athletic Director Frank Broyles will continue to meddle in the affairs of his football coaches, which was among the reasons Hatfield left. Until that situation is rectified, Arkansas won't reach its goal of ranking with the nation's elite football programs.

*Linebacker
Mick Thomas*



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TENNESSEE

If the Volunteers are true to form, they won't be a Top 10 team this season. Oh, they have lots of talent, including Carl Pickens, who does virtually everything but inflate the footballs, and running back Chuck Webb, who was described by one Tennessee coach as the finest talent he'd ever seen. But recent history indicates that the Vols flounder when they're rated highly and excel when expectations are lower, and the former figures to be the case in 1990. They'll be good, but a repeat of their 11-1 performance last fall is unlikely.

*Running back
Chuck Webb*



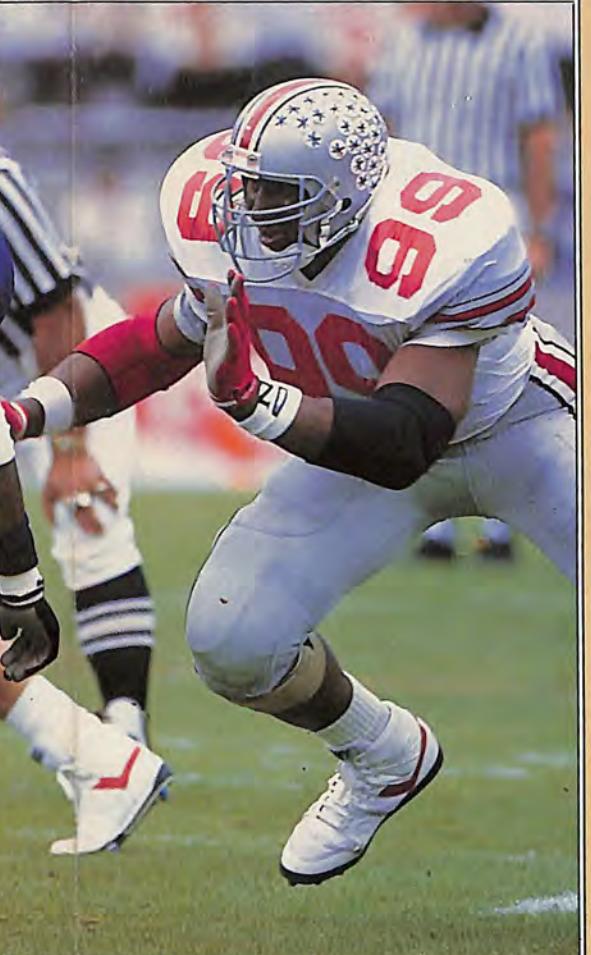
R. Todd Lowe

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OHIO STATE

The natives are getting restless in Columbus, where single-digit victory totals and bowl bids from locations other than Pasadena simply won't do on a regular basis. But Coach John Cooper believes his Buckeyes are on their way back. He corralled his best group of recruits to date and returns a solid crew of starters, including the nucleus of the nation's finest offensive backfield. This is a critical year for the Buckeyes, who are on the verge of being surpassed by several rising Big Ten rivals. At this point, they're as close to the bottom of the pack as they are to the top.

*Defensive end
Alonzo Spellman*



Bob Rosato

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ARIZONA STATE

Sun Devils Coach Larry Marmie is in need of a successful season to rid himself of hostile critics, and this should be the year. With an excellent coaching staff, respectable talent and top-of-the-line facilities, the pieces are in place for the Sun Devils to regain their annual status among the nation's Top 20. Marmie also welcomes tailback Leonard Russell, a junior college transfer who could be a Heisman Trophy candidate right out of the gate. And with Paul Justin taking the snaps, the Sun Devil offense will be lethal.

*Tight end
Ryan McReynolds*



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TSN's SECOND 20

21. ALABAMA

In the wake of several key losses, Coach Gene Stallings' ability will be tested immediately.

22. TEXAS

The Longhorns' recent strides warrant respect. They now must keep progressing.

23. OKLAHOMA

An influx of talented freshmen should help a team that still is ineligible for bowl bids.

24. VIRGINIA

The Cavaliers, like their basketball brethren, are blue-collar workers who excel.

25. WASHINGTON

The Huskies' defense is tough enough to be offensive. If the offense clicks, too, look out.

26. MICHIGAN STATE

The Spartans lack impact players, but they're among the most physical teams around.

27. SYRACUSE

It wouldn't take much of a resurgence for the Orangemen to regain their Top 20 status.

28. SOUTH CAROLINA

Like Syracuse, the Gamecocks are poised for an impressive comeback from a subpar year.

29. HOUSTON

Question marks abound, but first-year Coach John Jenkins appears to have lots of answers.

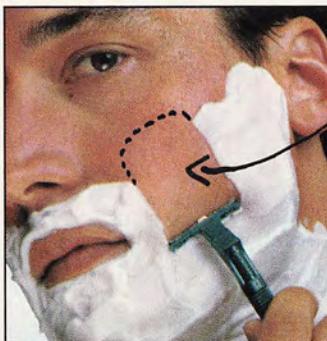
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Three years of stockpiling raw talent should produce some refined stars this fall.

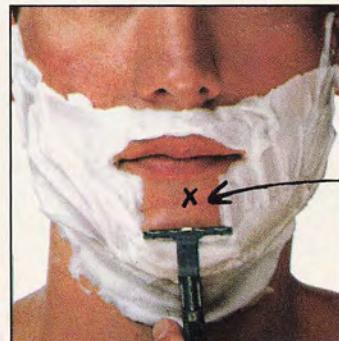
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			Total	Home	Road	Neutral	Total	Home	
1.	Auburn	.600 (5)	6	3	3	0	6	3	3
2.	Notre Dame	.639 (1)	8	4	4	0	7	3	4
3.	Nebraska	.488 (34)	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
4.	Michigan	.516 (T21)	4	2	2	0	6	4	2
5.	Colorado	.515 (23)	4	1	2	1	6	2	3
6.	Miami (Fla.)	.589 (6)	6	3	3	0	6	4	2
7.	Illinois	.527 (19)	5	2	3	0	6	3	3
8.	UCLA	.573 (8)	5	2	3	0	5	3	2
9.	Clemson	.495 (33)	4	2	2	0	5	2	3
10.	Florida State	.504 (27)	3	1	2	0	5	2	3
11.	West Virginia	.421 (39)	3	2	1	0	4	2	2
12.	Brigham Young	.507 (26)	4	1	3	0	3	1	2
13.	Pittsburgh	.529 (18)	5	2	3	0	6	2	4
14.	Southern California	.560 (9)	6	3	2	1	8	3	4
15.	Fresno State	.392 (40)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Texas A&M	.541 (T11)	3	1	2	0	5	0	5
17.	Arkansas	.512 (25)	4	4	0	0	4	2	2
18.	Tennessee	.533 (17)	6	3	1	2	6	3	1
19.	Ohio State	.483 (35)	4	4	0	0	4	3	1
20.	Arizona State	.537 (T15)	4	2	2	0	4	2	1
21.	Alabama	.521 (20)	5	3	2	0	6	4	2
22.	Texas	.611 (4)	5	3	2	0	6	4	1
23.	Oklahoma	.496 (T30)	4	3	1	0	5	2	2
24.	Virginia	.468 (38)	3	2	1	0	3	3	0
25.	Washington	.541 (T11)	4	3	1	0	5	3	2
26.	Michigan State	.500 (T28)	4	1	3	0	5	2	3
27.	Syracuse	.496 (T30)	6	2	3	1	6	2	3
28.	South Carolina	.621 (3)	5	3	2	0	5	2	3
29.	Houston	.500 (T28)	3	2	1	0	4	2	1
30.	Georgia Tech	.540 (T13)	5	3	2	0	5	3	2
31.	Mississippi	.513 (24)	4	1	2	1	5	1	3
32.	Penn State	.549 (10)	6	2	4	0	7	3	4
33.	Arizona	.496 (T30)	4	2	2	0	5	2	3
34.	Wyoming	.470 (36)	3	2	1	0	2	1	0
35.	Georgia	.583 (7)	5	2	2	1	7	3	3
36.	Iowa	.516 (T21)	5	1	4	0	5	1	4
37.	North Carolina State	.540 (T13)	3	2	1	0	4	2	2
38.	Louisiana State	.537 (T15)	6	2	4	0	6	2	4
39.	Hawaii	.469 (37)	3	2	1	0	3	3	0
40.	Florida	.632 (2)	5	1	3	1	6	2	3

*Includes 1990 Division I-A opponents only.

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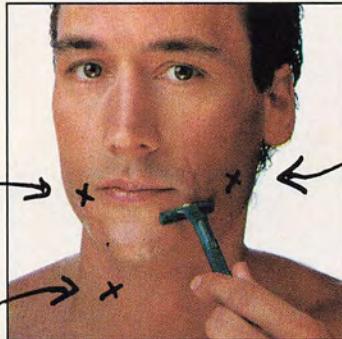


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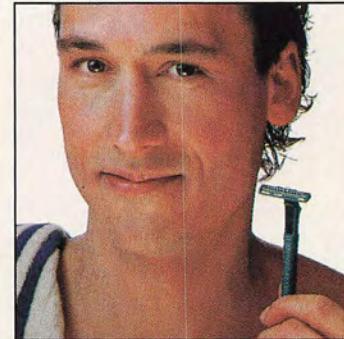


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STARTING OVER

Notre Dame's Michael Stonebreaker hopes his troubles are behind him once and for all



By BILL BILINSKI
South Bend Tribune

When the Jeep Cherokee buried its nose into a sign post the width of a telephone pole, the front end crumpled like a wad of scratch paper. In its trail were a downed stop sign and 20 feet of skid marks.

Inside the vehicle, Notre Dame All-America linebacker Michael Stonebreaker and his passenger, St. Mary's student Ursula Garzia, had been launched violently against the dashboard. Neither was wearing a seatbelt.

Both lay trapped inside the wreckage,

Garzia in serious condition with internal injuries and facial cuts.

Stonebreaker's 230-pound frame had been pitched forward like a rag doll, his knee meeting the dash with a terrific impact that broke not only his kneecap, but forced his hip out of its socket. His nose was broken and there were other cuts from the flying glass.

Both were rushed to the hospital to undergo emergency surgery.

The accident remains a blur for Stonebreaker, who prefers to put the events leading up to it behind him.

The couple had attended an off-campus formal the evening of February 24, 1989.

Stonebreaker had been drinking, enough to push his blood-alcohol content to a reported level of .157 percent. After leaving the party, the couple stopped at an all-night restaurant. They were headed home about 2:30 a.m. when Stonebreaker dozed off behind the wheel. Police estimated the Cherokee was traveling at 40 mph before it plowed into the post.

"I walked into that hospital room and I just lost it," recalled Roger Valdiserri, Notre Dame's associate athletic director and Stonebreaker's good friend. "I never thought he'd play again."

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Michael Stonebreaker is ready to prove his recovery from a drinking-related car accident is complete — in both health and image.



ROB LINDNER

STARTING OVER

A year and a half later, Ursula Garzia has fully recovered. Stonebreaker, meanwhile, can only hope to prove in time that his recovery is complete—in both health and image.

In many ways, Stonebreaker is starting over in his fifth year at Notre Dame. At the time of the accident, doctors offered no guarantee that he'd play again, much less regain his standing as one of the nation's top defensive players. But from the moment he was alert following surgery, Stonebreaker never doubted he'd bounce back.

"That's just the mental attitude I had," he said. ". . . You can't say, 'Oh well, I might come back' or have any doubts like that. If you're not 100 percent positive, you won't make it happen."

His resolve was tested during the strict physical rehabilitation, amid the fallout over the accident and charges of driving under the influence, then a year's suspension from the team over a related incident.

"I never doubted Stoney," Fighting Irish Coach Lou Holtz said, "not one bit. I know this probably isn't the best way to describe him or the best word, but Stoney is a survivor."

It is helpful that fighting comes naturally, perhaps even genetically, to Stonebreaker. His father, Steve, was a hard-hitting linebacker in the National Football League for seven seasons, the last two after suffering a knee injury that was supposed to end his career.

Stonebreaker's mettle had been put to the test at Notre Dame long before the early-morning events of February 25, 1989. At the end of his freshman year, he developed a serious ear infection that eventually required surgery. As he tried to cope with the pain, he also fell behind in the classroom and wound up missing his sophomore season while serving an academic suspension.

He returned as a junior to earn consensus All-America honors and help lead Notre Dame to a 12-0 record and the 1988 national championship. Stonebreaker ranked as the No. 2 tackler on a defense that surrendered an average of only 12 points per game. He had speed and the lateral quickness every coach looks for. Moreover, he had all the right instincts.

But he did not have time to bask long in the glow of a great season. Weeks later, as Stonebreaker lay in the twisted wreckage of the Cherokee on an Indiana roadside, the road back to glory at Notre Dame stretched across some rugged territory.

"We talked about the problems and how he'd have to work through them," Holtz said. "If you don't have problems,

you've got a tombstone over you."

Stonebreaker was charged with driving under the influence and his image took the expected lumps. To much of the public, he was a fallen hero. Rugged good looks and football success at a school noted for its legendary teams and sanctified image made Stonebreaker a popular target. Strangers were standing on the firing line, waiting to pronounce judgment.

He received a number of letters. Some were supportive. Others lashed out.

"If you're famous, some people feel you can't suffer enough," Stonebreaker's father observed. "A lot of the hate mail he got made an impression on him. . . . I think, as I explained to him, when you're on the sidelines not playing, a lot of people treat you differently."

Just as he never took any of the stories celebrating his talent too seriously, Stonebreaker was thick-skinned through much of the ordeal.

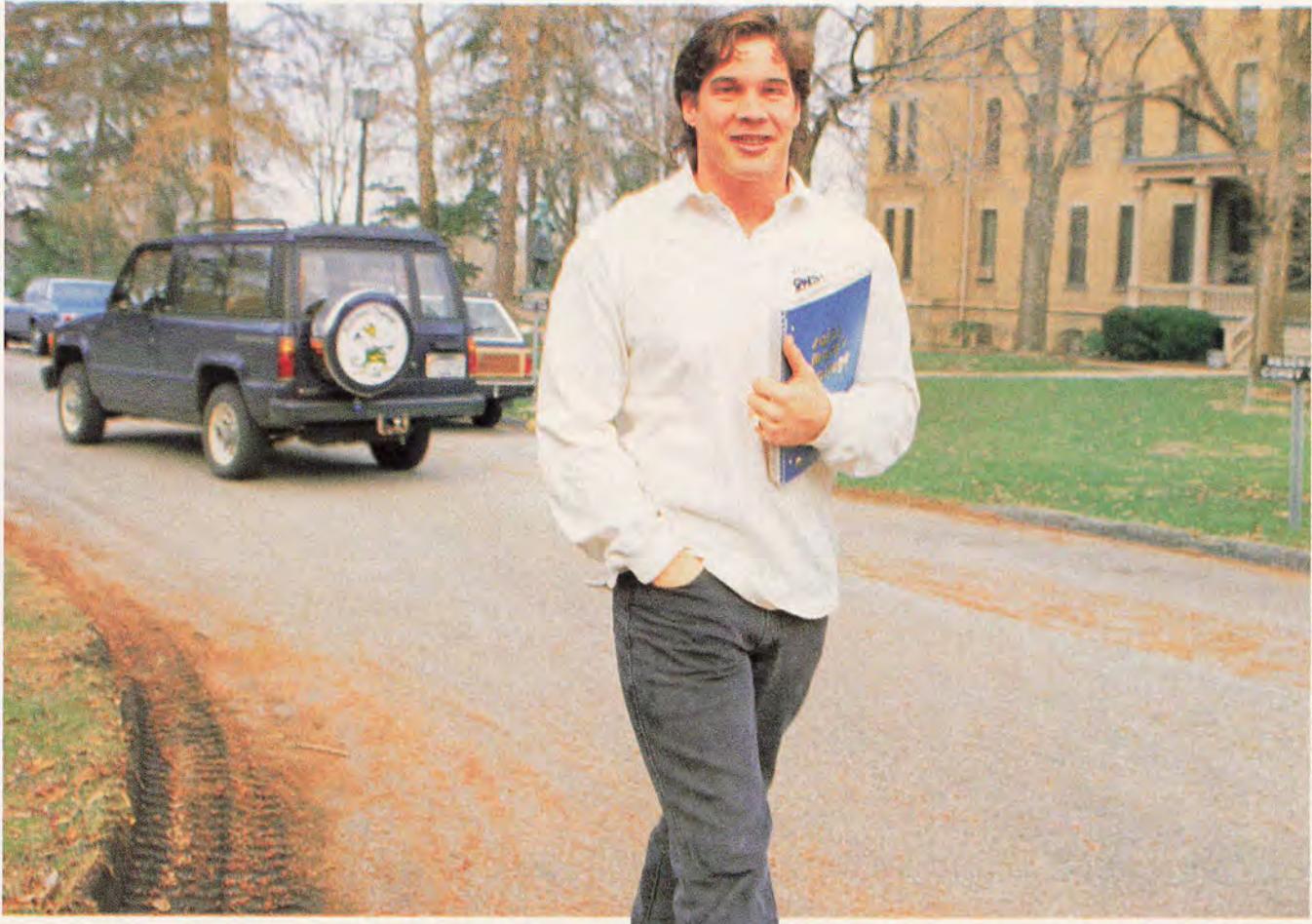
"When you're an All-American, everybody's your friend," he said. "But the people who supported us and showed concern for Ursula and myself really let us know what loyalty and friendship is."

During his physical rehabilitation, Stonebreaker drew upon the support of his teammates, who buoyed his confidence, and the coaching staff, which kept him focused through the early challenges.

"The first day of rehab, (trainer Jim

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Stonebreaker didn't go into hiding during his one-year suspension, but he did stay well in the background.



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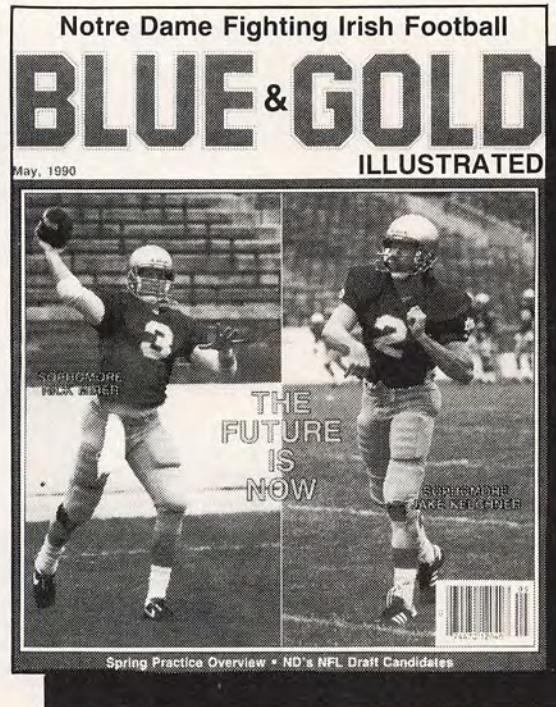
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Russ) told me to lift my leg," Stonebreaker recalled. "I couldn't even get it off the table. I mean not once. It was scary...scary because it was so frustrating. As hard as I tried, I couldn't do it."

"At the time (of the accident), I was on top of the world. I was a member of a national championship team, I was All-American and I had been to the White House. Then I couldn't even lift my leg off a table. All that was gone and I was at the bottom."

Stonebreaker won his biggest battle when he accepted just how much hard work was ahead. Once Russ sold him on that, he became a model patient—almost to a fault. When Russ pushed, Stonebreaker pushed himself harder.

"At every step we ran into roadblocks," Russ noted. "But the kid will accept a challenge...he wanted to hurry. It was always, 'What's next? When can I do this? When can I do that?'"

In other areas, Stonebreaker was strictly on his own.

As a first-time offender, he received a year's probation on the DUI charge and was ordered to perform 80 hours of community service. Specifically, he was instructed to tell his story to youth groups

and school kids, from the elementary schools through high school.

Football had taught Stonebreaker to push himself to his physical limits. In football, you hide the things that pain you. Now he was asked to reveal them in front of a microphone.

Gun-shy? No doubt. Stonebreaker had grown up in New Orleans around hard-working people who didn't complain much, people who seldom talked about themselves, let alone unveil what they were feeling. You were expected to deal with your mistakes and move on.

"You can't dwell on the negatives," Stonebreaker said. "You've got to go through life."

Between those lines, he acknowledges, some people read insincerity. They say he didn't grasp the seriousness of the situation. He bristles at those suggestions.

How often must he say he was deeply concerned about Ursula Garzia's well-being for people to take him seriously? Isn't admitting your mistake good enough? How much does it have to alter your life for people to say you've changed, that you're a good person now?

Ultimately, Stonebreaker's speaking appearances provided valuable therapy. Kids could relate. They listened more than they accused.

"It's hard to reveal to yourself and 500 kids that you screwed up," he said. "When I got over the nervousness and embarrassment for myself, it was a positive and good thing. Once you experience that feeling like you're helping others, you help yourself."

Stonebreaker eventually became comfortable in front of a microphone. Football had yielded a rough-edged persona. It had not taught him public speaking. But he learned he could be well-received for being honest.

"Some things are fun and don't seem like they're hurting you," he said, "but they're (eventually) going to landslide.... I talked about alcohol and if you abuse it, it will abuse you."

Given Stonebreaker's firsthand knowledge, that message wasn't lost on his young audience.

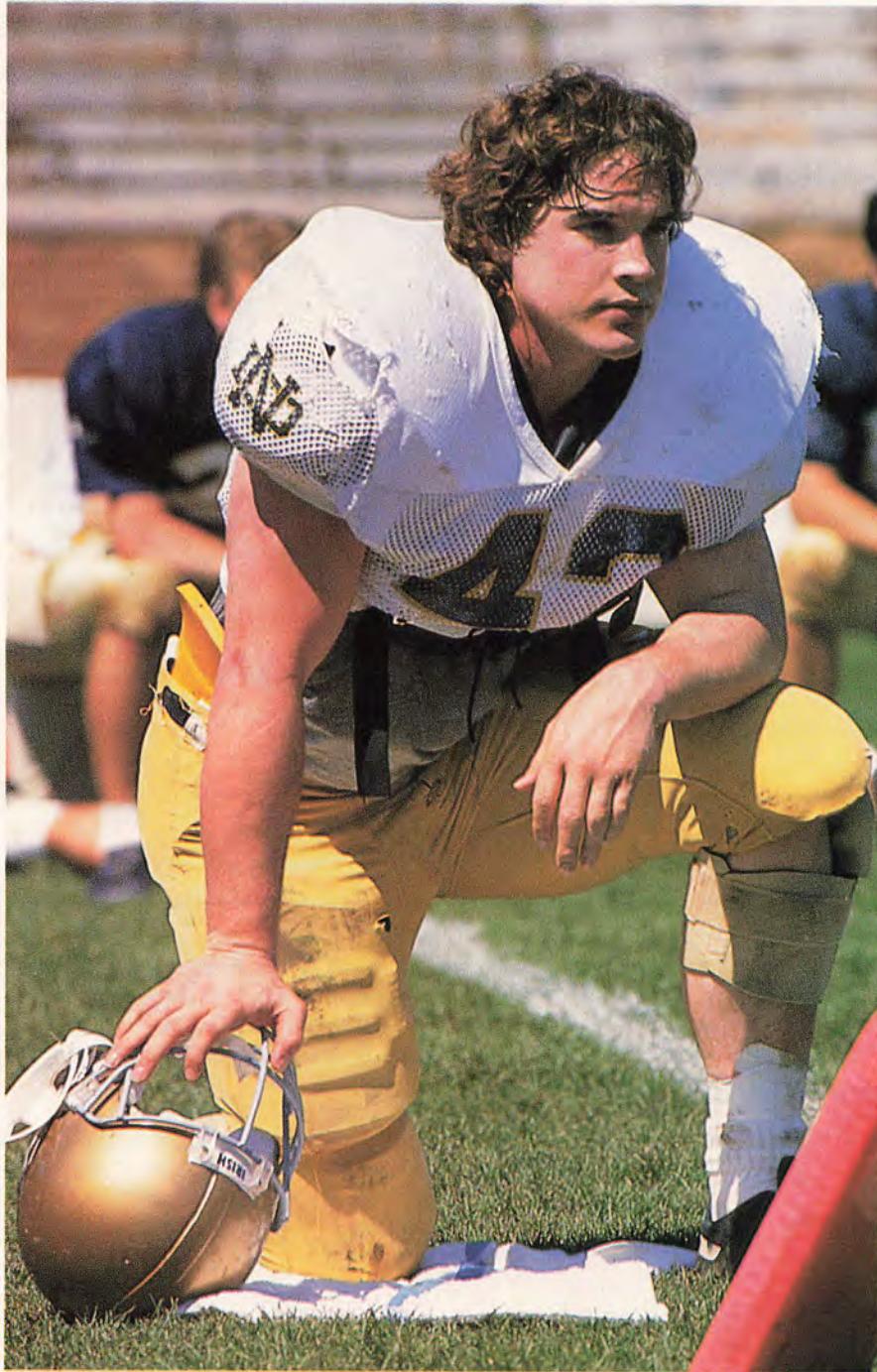
"He's got some real good values and he can be very sensible," Valdiserri said. "Once you get to know him, he's a very warm kid."

If Stonebreaker's troubles had ended there, it would have been easier to say all the lessons had sunk in.

Because of the DUI charge, Stonebreaker had been stripped of his driving privileges on campus. That summer, however, he elected to slip behind the wheel of a friend's car—just as campus police happened by. The university came down hard, suspending him for the entire 1989 football season.

Given the severity of the punishment, rumors spread that this latest episode involved more than Stonebreaker getting caught moving a car. Because Notre Dame maintains strict confidentiality in such matters, the university declined to comment.

"I just drove it that once," Stonebreaker



Notre Dame coaches saw vintage Stonebreaker in spring practice after he shook off some of the rust.

insists, "and there was nothing else."

Is he bitter about the whole episode? Does he question whether the penalty fit the crime? After four years at Notre Dame, he said it doesn't surprise him.

"That's the way Notre Dame is," he said. "The rule was there and I broke it."

Stonebreaker already had passed the required physical and was cleared to play. Trainers and doctors agree, however, that the additional seven months of healing time were, in retrospect, in his best interests.

It would have been difficult to convince Stonebreaker at the time. He was eager to get on with his football career, to prove himself before NFL scouts in one last collegiate go-round. Eventually, he came to grips with his situation and applied for a fifth year of eligibility.

"If you realize football's just a game and you're part of it for a short time ... then you work and have something to fall back on," he said.

"It opened my eyes to it earlier (when he missed his sophomore season). If it's over tomorrow, that's the way it is. Football's important to me as a person now, but it's not important to me in terms of the rest of my life."

Stonebreaker didn't exactly go into hiding, but he did stay well in the background last season. Some teammates and coaches would have liked having him around more often, but Stonebreaker felt out of place.

"I didn't want to have to deal with (the controversy) when I wasn't playing," he said. "And they were doing well. Why bring any negatives into it?"

Notre Dame's 11-1 record over a regular-season slate packed with eight eventual bowl teams masked a lack of depth at linebacker, however. That the Irish defeated every opponent but Miami (Fla.) and finished second in the final Associated Press rankings (at 12-1) was a credit to the durability of inside linebackers Ned Bolcar and Donn Grimm, who rarely rested all season.

If Stonebreaker had been in the starting lineup alongside Bolcar, Notre Dame could have brought in Grimm (the No. 2 tackler behind Bolcar) to rotate into either slot. For the most part, the Irish had only first-year players to back up the inside.

Stonebreaker, meanwhile, continued to rebuild his leg strength and upper body. "The first day of spring practice was the next step," he said, "and everything felt good."

After shaking off some of the rust, it was vintage Stoney—No. 42 sweeping in to plug a hole, beating the back to the perimeter, covering a receiver out of the backfield and seldom missing a tackle. "He looks faster to me," Holtz remarked after Stonebreaker stopped the watches at 4.7 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

All appeared well in the final spring scrimmage when he was voted the game's top defensive player.

"He's doing well," Russ conceded. "But the biggest test is in August when he doesn't get a day off."

Holtz and new defensive coordinator

Gary Darnell plan to team Stonebreaker inside with Grimm or sophomore Demetrius DuBose, who came on strong to challenge for a job in spring camp. With the outside corps returning intact, the depth at linebacker rivals that which the Irish enjoyed during their run to the 1988 national championship.

Stonebreaker's ability to hold up over the schedule remains a legitimate concern—for both Notre Dame and prospective NFL employers. "If everything goes well, he'll be playing football for a long time," Holtz predicted.

"He really loves the game and has natural instincts. He's quick, he's got good range, he can play man coverage as well as zone and he's just very consistent."

"And he has great leadership qualities."

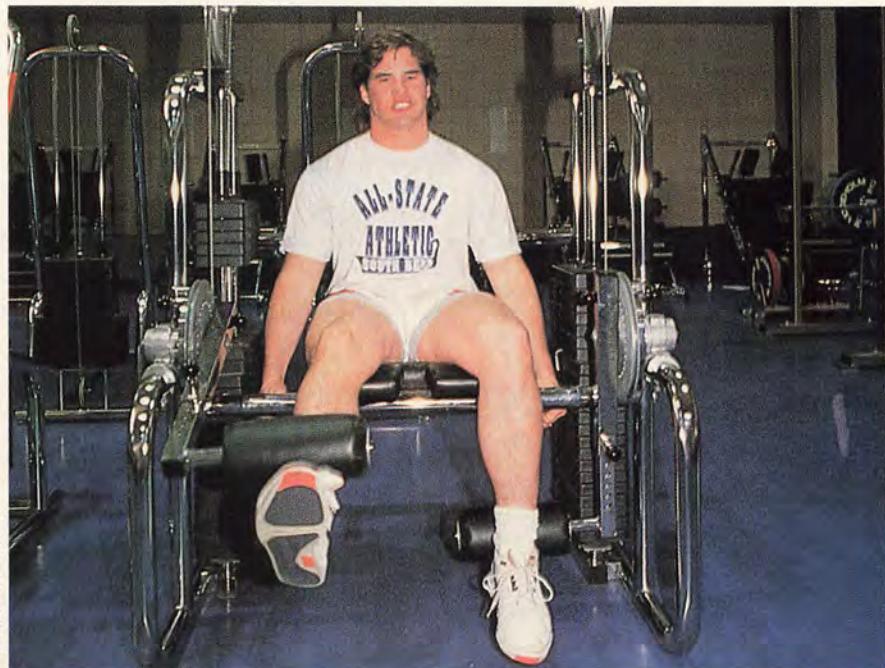
When defensive tackle George Williams, a starter on Notre Dame's national championship team, was ruled academically ineligible last summer, it was Stonebreaker who paid a visit and delivered a pep talk.

"I know my role is to be a leader," he admitted. "I've been at the top and I've been at the bottom, so I pretty much know what everybody's feeling. But I'm not into jumping around and leading that way. If you're out there giving 100 percent every day ... hopefully the work habits carry over."

And for his own sake, Stonebreaker hopes lessons learned the hard way do, too. ■



Although doctors offered no guarantee that he'd play again, Stonebreaker never doubted he'd bounce back after rehabilitation.



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Football in Paradise

Hawaii overcomes distance barrier while heading to a place somewhere over previous Rainbows

By FERD LEWIS
Honolulu Advertiser

The night before every home game, Hawaii Coach Bob Wagner checks his team into a hotel and then slips out for a ritualistic encounter with Evil Jungle Prince.

Voodoo?

Hardly.

Waiters at Keo's, a popular Thai restaurant near the slopes of Diamond Head, usually have a table waiting for the coach, who has ordered the spicy delicacy known as Evil Jungle Prince—consisting of coconut milk, basil, red chili and shrimp—ever since the Rainbows' 1988 season opener against Iowa.

The concoction's place on Wagner's training table was made secure when Wagner and his wife Gloria dined on the specialty the night before Hawaii, a 21-point underdog, upset the ninth-ranked Hawkeyes in what was—to that point—the biggest victory in the school's history.

And it stayed there as the Rainbows won their first four games of the '88 season. A Honolulu radio station even made arrangements for Wagner to receive some of the not-so-evil stuff on the road.

"Hey, anything for an edge, right?" the coach joked.

These days, however, there is more than superstition behind the fact that Wagner and Hawaii football are hot items in their own right.

After directing Hawaii to a 5-7 record in 1987, his first year as head coach, Wagner, a former Rainbows assistant, has led the Western Athletic Conference school to consecutive nine-victory seasons, its first major bowl appearance and a lengthy stay in the national polls.

The reigning WAC Coach of the Year and, for the last two years, Hawaii's Sportsman of the Year, Wagner has taken Hawaii football to a place somewhere over previous Rainbows.

"He's done a great job with the Hawaii program," said Michigan State Coach George Perles, whose Spartans thumped the Rainbows in the Aloha Bowl last December. "They have certainly made a name for themselves."

It would be stretching the point to say that the nation's most geographically isolated football program has put the 50th State on the map, but the Rainbows' recent success has gone a long way toward easing some of the state's identity problems.

Only a few years ago Rainbow re-

cruiters were being asked such things as: "How far off the coast of Florida are you?" Or, they were being told: "I'd like to go to your school, but my parents don't want me to leave the country."

Maybe the Rainbows are just recruiting smarter players these days, but Hawaii coaches say they don't hear those kind of things much anymore.

These days, people not only have a better idea where the Rainbows play their football, but they also know where the program is headed. Usually, it's into the end zone.

The Rainbows scored 56 or more points in a game four times last season. They ranked fifth in the nation in scoring (38.1 points per game) and 13th in total offense (447.2-yard average). Additionally, they have smashed 90 school offensive marks in two years.

That's a far cry from the time when Doug Scovil, then coach at San Diego State, was asked about the Hawaii offense and replied: "Hawaii has an offense?"

The Rainbows' trademarks in those days—the first half of the 1980s—were defense and special-teams play. Until Wagner took over, the offense was usually conservative to the point of being almost a silent partner.

The offense seemingly wasn't geared toward winning; instead, it appeared designed to keep from losing. A popular line among coaches was that the defense wanted an offense it could be proud of.

The Rainbows enjoyed seven winning seasons in 10 years under Dick Tomey, whose 1977-through-1986 tenure brought respectability to a young Division I-A program. (As recently as 1973, the Rainbows were not playing with college football's big boys. The '73 season marked their final year in what then was called the College Division, as opposed to the major schools' University Division level of competition.)

But with a meat-and-potatoes offense in a salsa conference, Tomey's Rainbows never really won the big ones against marquee teams. Particularly troublesome during the Tomey reign was the team's record against perennial WAC power Brigham Young: 0-8.

Defensively, the Rainbows found they could stay in the game from time to time with BYU—to the bitter end, anyway.

In 1981, Hawaii held Jim McMahon without a touchdown pass and limited Brigham Young to its lowest point total in 43 games; the Rainbows lost nonetheless, 13-3. In 1986, BYU was held to its lowest

regular-season score in eight years but still managed to beat Hawaii, 10-3.

Overall, the lack of success against the Cougars got so troubling that one columnist pleaded for a Hawaii victory over BYU before he died and a newspaper ran a contest to pick the best way to beat the Utah school.

In 1985, the Rainbows even undertook firewalking as part of a preseason motivational seminar. But strolling on a 12-foot-long bed of coals didn't help, either. The Rainbows finished 4-6-2 and lost to BYU, 26-6.

"They were always very conservative and where we were able to beat them was in being a little stronger in the line," explained LaVell Edwards, BYU coach since 1972.

When Tomey left to take over the Arizona program, Wagner, who had been his defensive coordinator, won the Rainbows' job by promising an offense as aggressive as the team's defense.

In came Paul Johnson, who developed a taste for big yardage after helping Georgia Southern to two straight Division I-AA national championships as the team's offensive coordinator.

The defense was left to Rich Ellerson, who first came to Hawaii in the 1970s as a Midshipman from the U.S. Naval Academy. He soon transferred to Hawaii because "I saw all those bikinis on the beach and decided I didn't want to go back on a ship with a bunch of guys."

Together, staff members have installed fast-break football in the form of the so-called spread offense and an undersized, blitzing defense.

The offense is a double-slot hybrid that seeks to spread defenses from sideline to sideline with a two-fisted threat of run-and-shoot passing and triple-option run components.

Missouri Coach Bob Stull, who coached against Wagner's offensive scheme of things while the head man at WAC member Texas-El Paso, said: "When it is executed properly, it is the hardest one around to defend. You have to contend with the option, the pass and all kinds of motion."

Edwards said Wagner's offense "causes a lot of problems. You have to spend more time on it and it is hard to find a scout team competent enough to run it in practice."

Finally, last season, in the school's biggest victory (a local television station replayed the game twice, by popular demand), the Rainbows caused BYU all



Coach Bob Wagner has helped make Rainbow football the weekend happening in Hawaii during the fall.

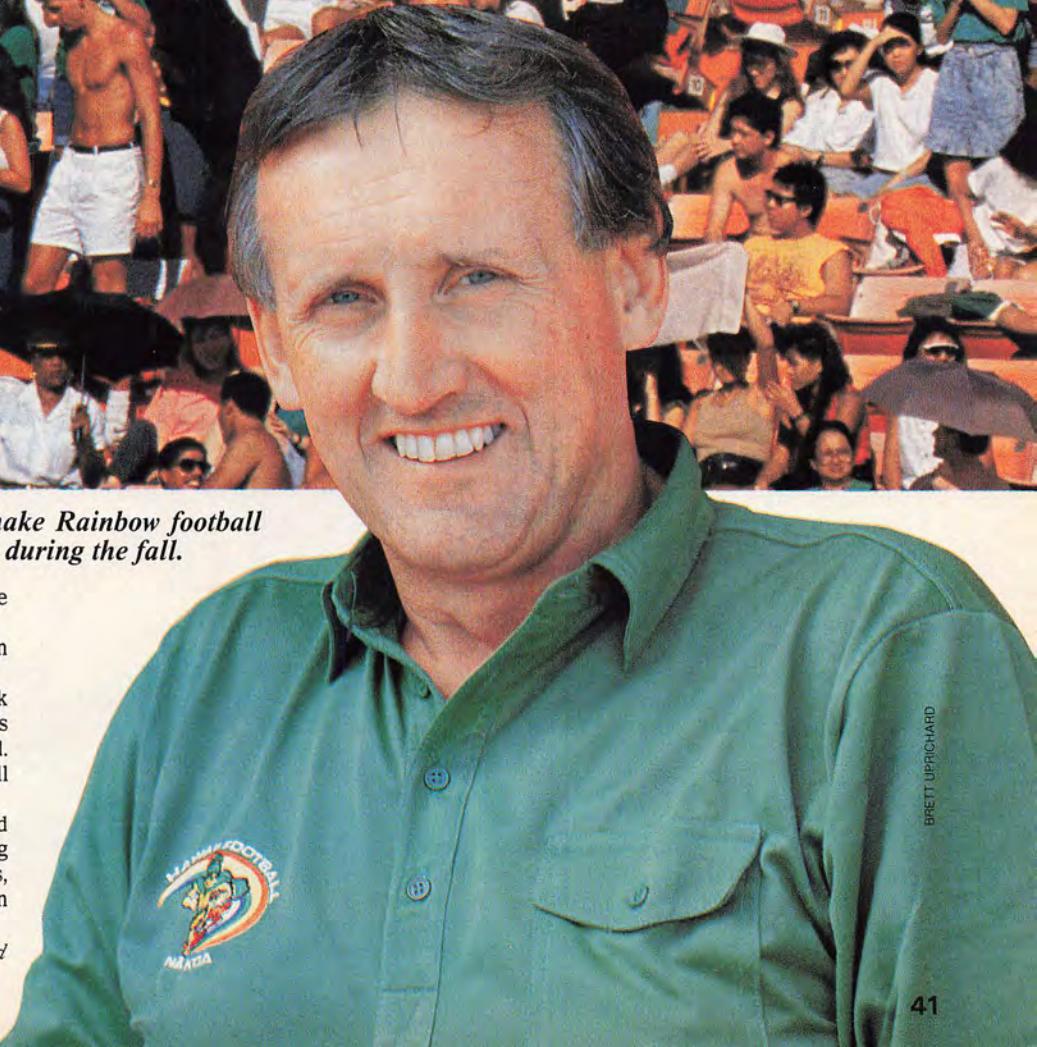
manner of problems and exorcised the Cougars, 56-14.

Wagner obviously believes strongly in his approach.

"In college football, if you have to block everybody on every snap, well, shoot, it is hard unless you are a lot better," he said. "Even if you are just as good, you've still got to finesse people some."

The Rainbows, who have a limited backyard in which to recruit and a long way to go to land other promising players, figure they have to emphasize finesse in

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their talent quest.

"It's not like we're going to take many big linemen away from Southern Cal or Notre Dame," Wagner said.

So, the Rainbows developed an offense around which they could recruit on a competitive basis, a plan wherein linemen didn't have to be giants and skill-position players didn't have to be 6-footers.

The Rainbows, as Johnson puts it, "might not look like much getting off the bus, but if we do things right, we can sure run up and down the field."

To do it, they've run around the country—this one and others—looking for players. In the process, they have led college football in frequent-flier miles if not exactly blue-chippers.

"We'll go anywhere if we feel we have a legitimate shot at somebody who is special," Wagner said. "The offense has given us something to sell, something besides a good education and good weather."

Jason Elam, who led NCAA Division I-A in field-goal accuracy last season by converting on 90.9 percent of his attempts (20 of 22), is from Snellville, Ga.; Jeff Sydner, who was fourth in I-A statistics with a 15.4-yard punt-return average, is from Columbus O.; running back Jamal Farmer, who set an NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a freshman (18), is from Lake View Terrace, Calif.

Plus, there are five players on the roster from Canada and one from Australia.

One of the Canadians, slotback Dane McArthur, actually recruited Hawaii. He walked into the coaches' offices one summer with a resume in hand.

"When I played in high school, you'd get tackled and your helmet would be full of snow," McArthur said. "I had enough of that. I decided to come here for the education—and the weather."

Sydner was recruited by several Big Ten Conference schools, but he said he was swayed by the sociological makeup of the Islands.

"There are a lot of different ethnic groups here and I like that," Sydner explained. "It is a real positive feeling."

Still, recruiting is an uphill battle for the Hawaii football program, which is out of sight and out of mind for most of the country. Just getting from Hawaii to the nearest state is a five-hour flight, and some Rainbow trips within the WAC have taken as long as 10 hours.

"One of our primary recruiting areas is the West Coast, from Southern California to Seattle," Wagner said, "and that's what, 2,500 miles away?"

"You hear how UCLA went all the way to Ohio for a kid. Well, it is a lot farther for us."

Because of Hawaii's physical and climatological lures, the Rainbows have to be able to judge a prospective recruit's intentions as well as his talent to avoid getting "tripped." As might be expected, players

with no real interest in enrolling at the Honolulu campus sometimes try to hit up the Rainbows for a free recruiting trip.

"We can waste a lot of time playing tour guide, but we don't want to do that," Wagner acknowledged. "We probably get stung two or three times a year by kids who were more interested in taking a trip than coming to school. But I think we've done a pretty good job in that regard over the years. After a while, if you ask the right questions, you can usually tell when somebody is just stringing you along."

What the Rainbows say they look for in mainland recruits are players whose backgrounds suggest they are capable of adjusting comfortably to life away from home—for example, well-traveled military dependents and sons of airline employees.

"Once they start talking about how their mother and father have seen them play every game since Pop Warner or Pee Wees, then we know we're finished," Wagner said. "It is time to excuse ourselves and move on."

Technology has made it easier for the families of players who do choose Hawaii to follow their favorite footballers. For instance, the school has a toll-free telephone number that provides reports about each game. Also, because all Rainbows' home games are shown on Prime Ticket Network in California, people with access to a satellite dish usually can pick up the cable-television signal.

Joe Person, Sydner's stepfather, says the family takes an afternoon nap on Saturdays and then drives to the home of a friend outside Columbus to watch the Rainbow games on the dish. "They start at 12:30 a.m. our time," he said, "but we wouldn't miss it. We call it Jeff's Show, and it is quite an event now."

Wagner knows that location will forever be a factor in the fortunes of the Hawaii football program.

"Distance is something you will always have to fight being in Hawaii," he said. "It makes us unique in a lot of positive ways. But it can also be a disadvantage. With the time difference (and the fact the Rainbows play their home games at night), you won't get your scores in the Sunday papers or make the television scoreboard shows."

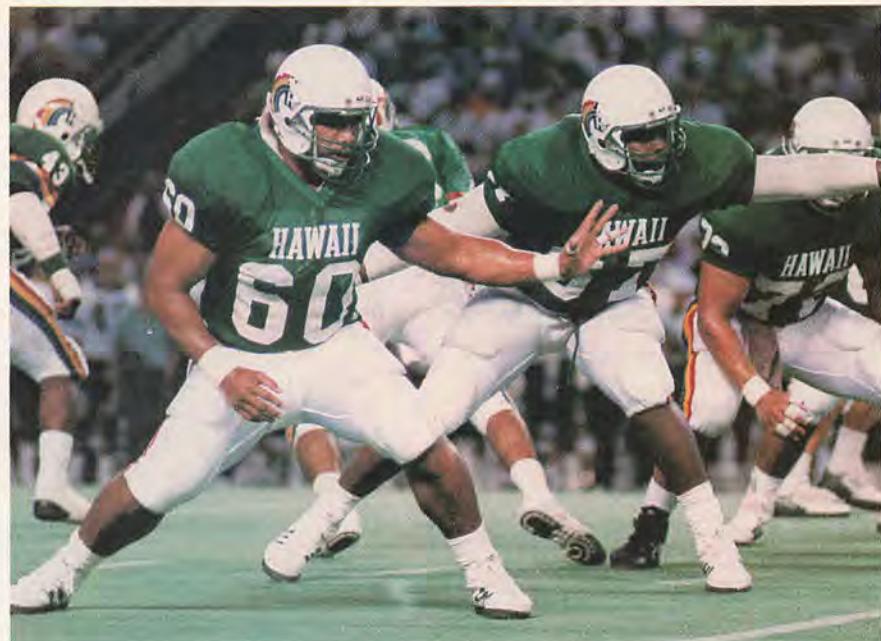
By the time the Rainbows kick off at Aloha Stadium, it already is Sunday in New York, where Eastern Standard Time is five hours ahead of Hawaii and Eastern Daylight Time boosts the difference to six hours (the Islands don't observe daylight-saving time).

A succession of Hawaii football coaches has favored afternoon games for reasons of gaining national exposure and, closer to a coach's heart, taking advantage of midday heat and humidity that might wear down opponents.

The school has taken several surveys to gauge the public mood about earlier starting times. Friday night games in Hawaii—along with all of the Saturday matchups from Washington to Florida—would be covered in Sunday sports sections nationwide. However, Friday traditionally has been reserved for high school football. And, in a state where the cost of living in paradise requires both spouses in most households to work, results have shown that Saturday afternoon is favored as a time for shopping and other pursuits.

Accordingly, college football will continue to be a Saturday night extravaganza in Hawaii. The Rainbows' 1990 games will begin a half-hour earlier than in 1989, but the 7:05 start won't have any impact on mainland media coverage.

Whatever time of day the Rainbows take the field, Wagner only wishes the nation's media and its football fans would make a real effort to pay attention to his team—regardless of any "inconvenience."



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In order to combat built-in recruiting obstacles, Hawaii has developed offensive and defensive schemes wherein players don't have to be giants.

The Rainbows really felt left out after their 42-point smashing of Brigham Young last fall. Despite having identical 6-2 records after the game, the Cougars dropped only from 18th to 23rd in the Associated Press poll while Hawaii failed to crack the Top 25.

"They got 113 points (from voters), we had 64 and we just beat their ass," Wagner fumed afterward. "I guarantee you, they got a lot of votes from people who thought they had won. That just proved that you don't dare win big in a far time zone because you end up embarrassing people."

The Rainbows eventually made their point, moving into the polls a week later and staying there for eight weeks until getting their comeuppance in the Aloha Bowl.

Whatever ties—recruiting-oriented or media-related—that the Rainbows' football program attempts to make with the mainland, this unquestionably is Polynesia's Team, featuring a Hawaiian, Samoan and Tongan blend that gives Hawaii its character.

The Polynesians have stood out as beefy, tough linemen, with an occasional running back or quarterback also emerging from the ranks. Defensive lineman Al Noga, now with the Minnesota Vikings, and Jesse Sapolu, a fixture on the San Francisco 49ers' offensive line, are notable among them.

Noga, born in American Samoa and raised in Hawaii, became the school's first wire-service All-America selection (Associated Press) in 1986.

The Polynesians' numbers and influence have been such that it isn't unusual for members of the Rainbows' offensive or defensive line to call out assignments in the Samoan language. Nor is it out of the ordinary to see players wearing lava-lavas (colorful skirt-like wrappings) in their free time and augmenting their training table with fa'alifū (a mixture of green banana, taro breadfruit and coconut milk sometimes called the "Samoan steroid").

Ellerson even enrolled in Samoan language classes to help recruiting efforts in homes where English wasn't spoken. "But I gave it up because I can't recruit in Samoan any better than I can in English," Ellerson cracked.

Curiously, some of the players from the Rainbows' backyard have been among the hardest to sell.

While Hawaii gets a high percentage of the players who attend public schools in the Islands, the Rainbows for years have lost out to Pacific-10 Conference universities and such schools as Brigham Young on the elite private-school players.

Wagner calls it the "missionary influence" from a time more than 100 years ago when missionaries who settled in the Islands sent their children to private schools to prepare for a mainland college education.

"We're still bucking the old perception that you had to go away to see the world, grow up and get a good education," Wagner said. "That might have been true at



After Hawaii's final home game each season, seniors make a traditional walk around Aloha Stadium in a farewell gesture to loyal Rainbow fans.

one time, but not now."

Offensive tackle Leo Goeas was one standout native who stayed and played. A third-round pick of the San Diego Chargers in the National Football League draft last spring, Goeas is a private-school graduate and the third member of his family to play for the Rainbows.

"Playing at home in front of my family and friends was something I always wanted to do," Goeas said. "It really means a lot, especially after your final game when you make that (traditional) walk around the stadium for the last time and people are piling the leis on top and hugging you."

Some people think the Rainbows spend too much time at home. Not surprisingly, those people are opposing coaches.

"I don't know why anybody needs that many home games," Colorado State Coach Earle Bruce said of the Rainbows' 1989 schedule that included 10 contests at Aloha Stadium and only two on the mainland.

"That's almost as many as we get in two years," said Mike Sheppard, the New Mexico coach.

Even Wagner, who is 15-3-1 in regular-season games at Aloha Stadium in the last two years (and 3-2 on the road), believes the Rainbows need to get out a little more.

"I'd just as soon play three or four road games every year (and eight at home)," Wagner said. "I really would. It is good for exposure and it helps break up the season. Sometimes you feel like you get in a little bit of a rut when you have too many home games in a row."

Athletic Director Stan Sheriff says the Rainbows need an average of eight home games a year to pay the bills for the state's only Division I athletic program, which derives 51 percent of its income from football.

The Rainbows earned the home-game

privilege when they paid their way into the WAC in 1979. Hawaii agreed to underwrite the cost of travel to the Islands for conference members. In football, that means paying the cost of 65 round-trip tickets from the West Coast in addition to meeting the standard \$50,000 guarantee. When Hawaii travels, it receives only the guarantee.

Most WAC schools have agreed to a rotation in which they visit the Islands twice for every call the Rainbows make on them. Some teams have opted to play in Hawaii more often to take advantage of the "Hawaii Exemption," under which the NCAA grants a 12-game regular-season for teams willing to make the trek to Honolulu.

Even with a surplus of home games, big-time football clearly has sold well in the Islands, where 40,000-plus fans shake Aloha Stadium's girders on a regular basis. The sight of fans waving good-luck ti leaves and the haze of hibachis cooking Korean-style short ribs at tailgate parties have helped to make Rainbow football the weekend happening in Hawaii during the fall.

All games, home and away, are televised throughout the state and the school even markets a set of football cards featuring its top players. Young couples schedule weddings around the Rainbows' many home dates and older ones fight over the rights to prime season-ticket locations in divorce proceedings.

In 1990, it will be business as usual for the Rainbows. After playing three of their first five games on the road, Wagner and company will settle in for six Aloha Stadium games in their final seven outings of the season. It computes to an eight-game home schedule this time around.

Fact is, Wagner probably doesn't mind being a homebody all that much. After all, it means there's more Evil Jungle Prince to devour. ■

A PREFERENCE

Carl Pickens, Tennessee's talented triple threat, favors catching passes over intercepting them

By TOM WHEATLEY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Two years from now, Tennessee may open the 1992 season with the most singular crew of All-America tri-captains ever assembled for one team's coin toss.

First out would be senior wide receiver Carl Pickens, the leader of the Volunteers' offensive unit.

Beside him would be senior return man Carl Pickens, the leader of the special teams.

And next to him, reluctantly, would be senior free safety Carl Pickens, the leader of the defensive unit.

Talk about a triple threat. All for the price of one scholarship, Tennessee eventually could have the best player in the nation at all three positions.

It's an exciting prospect for the Volunteers—unless you happen to be Carl Pickens. If he had his way, he'd forget about defensive back and concentrate on the other two jobs. His goal is to catch balls thrown by his quarterback, not the opponent's; to slice through gaps in the secondary, not fill them.

But as Pickens admits, he may be too good for his own good. Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors just wishes there were more of him to spread around.

"I wish he was at least half a dozen people," Majors said as spring drills opened last March. "I wish he had clones. I'd put four of him in the secondary and two or three others at wide receiver."

Majors wasn't kidding.

"You can use him at three wide receiver spots," he said. "You could line him up at both safeties. And on this team, I think he could compete at both cornerback positions."

And this is a lad who was only a red-shirt freshman last year.

"He's an interesting person," concluded Majors, submitting his preseason entry for Understatement of the Year.

Perhaps the only Pickens-watcher more excited than Majors is Haywood Harris, Tennessee's veteran media relations director. Pickens is a publicist's dream.

"He has the look of a champion about him," Harris said. "He has a sort of presence about him that makes you realize he can be anything he wants to be."

Like maybe a track star. Besides being

a three-way football threat, Pickens practiced with the Vols' indoor track team last winter for two weeks and then went to work. In two meets, the 6-foot-2, 201-pound high jumper cleared 6-10 1/4, finishing seventh at the Southeastern Conference championships. He was a little rusty. In high school in Murphy, N.C., his best was 7-1.

And football and track are just something to keep Pickens busy when he can't find a pickup game of basketball, his first love. But Pickens, who was a rather small forward in high school, lacked the size to play the frontcourt and the ballhandling skills to play guard at a major college.

"A lot of schools were recruiting me to run track," Pickens said, "but I made up my mind to play football."

It was a shrewd self-evaluation. As Majors said: "I've never seen anybody like him, who's looked like he was born on a football field. And I mean that with all due respect. He's the greatest natural athlete I've ever coached."

That statement covers some turf, including the likes of Tony Dorsett at Pittsburgh and Willie Gault at Tennessee.

"For four years, Dorsett's the greatest college football player I've ever seen, much less coached," said Majors, who left Pittsburgh 13 years ago to coach at his alma mater in Knoxville. "For a four-year period, nobody can match what he did. And Dorsett could have played defensive back."

"But Carl is a great athlete, a truly natural football player on both sides of the line of scrimmage."

Playing two ways is tough enough in the lesser reaches of college football. As Harris succinctly put it, "Who'd have ever heard of Gordie what's-his-name up at Holy Cross if he hadn't done what he did?"

"Gordon Lockbaum," said Majors, correctly identifying the Crusaders' former two-way player, "was a great story for college football."

In 1987, Lockbaum finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting after playing in both backfields for Holy Cross, an NCAA Division I-AA school. Few would argue that he was unworthy of that attention because he was doing something unusual and doing it well. And he was a great story.

So what does that make Pickens? He played offense and defense on an 11-1 team that beat UCLA, Auburn, Georgia

and Louisiana State in the regular season and then knocked off Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl to finish No. 5 in the wire-service polls. He tested his multiple skills against the big boys, not Lehigh and William & Mary.

Playing both ways—three, when kick-return duties are tossed in—was not in the game plan for Pickens when the 1989 season opened. He played the first seven games exclusively as a receiver and kick returner, slowly feeling his way through Tennessee's complex offense while backing up Thomas Woods. "I would go in for about 20 to 25 plays, about half the time, giving him a breather there," Pickens said. And sometimes they were on the field together because the Vols often used three wide receivers.

But with gaps showing in the secondary, Pickens was asked to help out. He became a defensive starter in game eight, alternating between wide receiver and free safety. He picked off a pass in each of the last four regular-season games as the Vols beat Akron, Mississippi, Kentucky and Vanderbilt, and he also had a four-yard touchdown reception against the Commodores.

With a team-high four interceptions for 50 yards and one touchdown (a 40-yard return against Akron), Pickens almost equaled his offensive totals: seven catches for 81 yards and two touchdowns. He also picked off a Razorback pass, broke up another, made eight tackles and was named Tennessee's defensive most valuable player in the Cotton Bowl.

Pickens was the Vols' top kickoff returner, too, averaging 22.8 yards on 26 attempts. He ran back one kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown with two seconds left in the first half at LSU, a score that proved crucial in Tennessee's wild 45-39 victory. And just to keep from dozing off in all his slack time, Pickens also returned four punts for an 11.5-yard average.

"I'd like to return more punts this year," Pickens said. "Now that's really fun."

He is less enthused about free safety, but he would rather not discuss that reluctance. He knows that if he refuses to play defense, he comes across as something less than a team player. But if he stays mum about playing in the secondary, the implication is that he doesn't mind being pulled away from offense. It's one of those "Do you still beat your wife?" type of di-

FOR OFFENSE

NICK MYERS



Carl Pickens still leans toward playing wide receiver (for offensive coordinator Phillip Fulmer) over free

safety, but the Volunteer defense, which needs his services in the secondary, keeps pulling him away.

lemmas. He can't win completely, and he knows it. So, he chooses his words carefully or doesn't talk at all.

"Don't get the impression he's a sourpuss," Harris said. "He's not. He's kind of a happy-go-lucky kid."

It's just that he's happiest playing wide receiver. Why? His answer is simple: "Catching the ball." He loves it.

The opportunity to catch lots of balls was the prime factor in his choice of colleges. He boiled down the list to two, Ten-

nessee and South Carolina, and then waffled between them, unintentionally leading on both schools in his state of teen-age confusion.

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"At the time, there was a lot of pressure being put on me," Pickens said. "I would say one thing to one school and do the same thing to the other. I would tell South Carolina I would be coming up for a visit, and then I'd do the same thing with the coach from Tennessee."

Finally, Pickens made his decision. He would go to South Carolina, with its pass-happy run-and-shoot offense.

Then, at the last minute, he unmade his decision. He would go with Tennessee, alias Receiver U. The Vols didn't throw as often as the Gamecocks, but they had been cranking out pro receivers for years.

Gault, Tim McGee, Anthony Miller, Anthony Hancock and Stanley Morgan are just a few of the Tennessee products who went on to the National Football League.

After arriving in Knoxville in 1988, Pickens took one look at Majors' complicated offense and decided to redshirt. The decision, he said, "was both mine and theirs (the coaches'). I didn't feel I was ready to play."

He also declined to run outdoor track his first year in school, although he did compete in the indoor season. "It was springtime," he said, "and the spring would be a time for me to learn the offense."

That Pickens still considers himself a student of the offense is no knock on him. It's a tough system to learn. That's why Majors isn't surprised that he has pro-

gressed faster as a defensive back than a receiver.

"Without trying to overimpress you, our offense has some sophistication to it," Majors said. "It's a three wide-receiver offense. Then sometimes it's four wide receivers. Then sometimes it's one."

The Vols also had some talent ahead of Pickens last year. Woods, then a senior, holds the school's career and season records for receptions. And Alvin Harper, who will be a senior this fall, holds the Tennessee single-game record for receptions.

So, Pickens' role as a backup wide receiver in his first season was neither surprising nor a reflection on his ability to play the position.

"He doesn't have blinding speed," Majors said. "He doesn't have the world-class speed of Willie Gault and some of the other sprinters we've had here. But he has very, very good speed. He's like an antelope. And he has excellent reaction speed."

But his speed and all-around athletic ability are what made Pickens so desirable as a free safety, too. His quick intellect, fine attitude and championship pedigree didn't hurt, either.

"He's a good kid from a small town in western North Carolina," Majors said. "He was a spectacular high school performer."

In virtually any sport he tried. His first sport was basketball, which he started playing in the third grade. "As I was growing up, more and more, I really thought I wanted to play basketball," Pickens said.

He was a starting forward on Murphy High School's varsity basketball team as a sophomore, junior and senior. He averaged more than 22 points and 14 rebounds per game each of his last two years and led the Bulldogs to a combined 67-10 record and three outright or shared conference championships.

Football didn't enter the picture until the seventh grade, but he caught on quickly. By his sophomore year in high school he was going both ways on the varsity, and in his last two seasons he almost never went to the sideline. Murphy went 29-1 over those two years, winning back-to-back state titles. As a senior, Pickens caught 71 passes for 1,536 yards and 24 touchdowns and was named a Parade All-America. The Asheville Citizen-Times recently named him western North Carolina's player of the decade.

"You're talking about a guy who never came off the field in high school," said Kippy Brown, who recruited Pickens and served as Tennessee's receivers coach before leaving for the New York Jets last winter. "He punted. He returned punts. He returned kickoffs. He played free safety. He played wide receiver. He was like a man playing with children."

Meanwhile, he also was winning state track meets with high jumps of 7-1 and conference championships in the triple jump, 100-meter dash and 400- and 800-meter relays. With all this athletic skill just waiting to be tapped, it's no surprise



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Pickens began the 1989 season exclusively as a receiver and kick returner while feeling his way through Tennessee's complex offense.



By the eighth game of the season, Pickens was starting at free safety.

that when the Tennessee secondary went to pot last season, defensive coordinator Doug Mathews began lobbying Pickens for assistance.

"After each practice, coach Mathews (who later left for Vanderbilt) would joke around with me," Pickens said. "He'd say, 'When are you coming over to defense?' It was more or less a joke. I didn't know if it would work out. But I thought it would be fun. I enjoyed it in high school."

But as the Vols' pass defense continued to surrender more yards than any other SEC team, it became clear that Mathews wasn't kidding. He needed help. By the eighth game Pickens was starting at free safety, and only then did the secondary begin to show some mettle. His teammates sometimes had to tell him where to line up, but he caught on quickly. And when he didn't catch on, he managed to catch up.

"His reaction time and ability breaking to the ball are outstanding," Majors said. "He has excellent hands, good quickness and the height and leaping ability to go get the ball. And he can run underneath the big ones."

"I coached defensive backs for seven years, and I've never seen anyone go to the ball like he can. He's a big-play man."

Majors said that each of Pickens' interceptions made a difference. For example, he scored on one interception, set up a score with another and prevented an opposing score with a third. And yet Majors will not say that Pickens would make a bigger splash at safety than wide receiver.

"You don't see many people that have the ability he has on defense," Majors said. "But he has the same natural ability

on offense. He's still in the learning process now. That's why we let him stay primarily on offense in spring ball."

The sophomore is listed strictly as a receiver in the spring prospectus. "But they said there's a possibility that I would be doing the same thing this year (as last year)," Pickens said. "They said that I might be playing defense as a nickel back on passing downs, like third-and-long or the last two minutes of the game."

Majors made defense sound like a lot more than a possibility for Pickens.

"We'll try to get him more defensive work later on (in practice)," Majors said. "I just don't think we can sacrifice to play him totally on offense. But that's what he prefers to play, I know. It's just a very difficult decision to put him on one side or the other. We need him both ways."

"We'll just try to get what we can out of him on defense next fall. It might be 60-40 offense. Or it might be 75-25. He's not a physical-type player—he's a slender-built youngster—but he makes plays that 90 percent of your defensive players just don't make."

Pickens has heard all the arguments for the defense.

"People say you could get hurt at times playing offense," he said. "But you can also get hurt playing free safety. People ask me, 'Would you rather get hit or give a hit?' But you're not always giving the hit on defense."

He is concerned that by splitting time in practice, he won't get as many offensive repetitions. And for a receiver, timing and precision are everything.

"That's the biggest concern right now, missing the reps," said Pickens, who missed part of spring drills because he

competed in outdoor track for the first time. "I know those last four games, I was concentrating more on defense. Hopefully I'll pick up a lot more on those (plays) that I couldn't really get down last year."

Given his split personality, Pickens has twice as many goals for this season as most players.

"I'd just like to be a big part of the offense," he said. "If things go perfect, I'd like to break the single-game record of 12 catches that Alvin Harper set (in 1988). If I play defense, I would want to intercept a ball each game."

"But the main thing is to just help us win as many games or more than last year. That's what the team's looking for as a whole, to go 12-and-0."

Pickens is well aware that his stock could skyrocket with the pros if he is a multiple threat. And if an NFL team someday drafts him in the first round with the intention of putting him at defensive back, he won't mind.

"I'd want to play wide receiver," Pickens said, "but I'm going to make money either way. I'd let the chips fall where they may. And I'd be just a rookie. I don't think you can dictate where you want to play, unless you won the Heisman. Then you'd have some leverage."

Harris, ever the publicist, has been trying to sell Pickens on the virtues of playing both ways. After all, if Gordie Lockbaum can be a strong Heisman candidate at Holy Cross, imagine the Heisman hype that would surround Carl Pickens on a national championship contender like Tennessee.

"It's impossible to have your cake and eat it, too," Majors said. "But we'd like to do a little of that anyway." ■



Todd Marinovich Southern California QB

Full name: Todd Marvin Marinovich.

Birth date/place: Fourth of July, 1969/San Leandro, Calif.

College major: Fine art.

In my spare time, I enjoy: Painting, drawing, classic rock.

Favorite entertainers: Ted Danson (as Sam Malone on "Cheers"), Clint Eastwood, Led Zeppelin.

I stay home to watch: College hoops and "The Simpsons."

When it comes to videos, CDs or books, I recommend: "North Dallas Forty" by Peter Gent (book); "Physical Graffiti" by Led Zeppelin (CD).

Favorite midnight snack: Peanut butter on bananas.

Favorite NFL team to follow: Raiders.

I spend my summers: On the oceanfront in Balboa (Newport Beach, Calif.).

I'd give a year's scholarship to date: Elle MacPherson.

If I could change one thing about myself, I'd: Change my habit of sleeping in.

In my younger days, my mother always thought I was: Terribly shy.

Favorite childhood toy: Adjustable dunk hoop/fourth-grade Christmas.

When I played football as a kid, I always pretended I was: Kenny Stabler and Bert Jones.

Favorite childhood football memory: Flag football in Hawaii, first organized year of ball with some big Hawaiians.

The best football advice anyone ever gave me: "You're only as good as your last game. Never read your own press clippings." (Father, Mary Marinovich.)

The worst football advice anyone ever gave me: "You need to bench-press 300-and-some-odd pounds to be an excellent football player."

People who knew me in high school thought I was: Fun to be around and had some creative ideas.

I knew I'd gone off to college when: I looked for clean clothes in my closet.

What I like most about college is: Meeting people and becoming good friends with people from all over the United States, finding out they're no different.

What I like least about college is: USC's immediate surroundings off campus.

My teammates think I'll: Do whatever it takes to win!

If I could change positions, I'd play: Wide receiver.

Best moment of my collegiate career: Beating Washington State with seconds left. (The Trojans won, 18-17, on Marinovich's

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two-yard touchdown pass with four seconds left and his subsequent two-point conversion pass on September 30, 1989).

Worst moment of my collegiate career: Incomplete pass on fourth down to end Notre Dame battle (a 28-24 USC loss on October 21, 1989).

If I could pick one person to build a college football team around, it'd be: Mikhail Marinovich (brother).

If I had to pay to watch someone other than myself play, it'd be: Joe Montana.

I'm better than everyone else in college football when it comes to: Throwing the football.

If I could be NCAA executive president for a day, I'd: Devise some sort of tournament to decide who's No. 1 more effectively.

After leaving college, I'd like to: Play NFL football.

When I'm 64, I envision myself: Painting in my secluded oceanfront home.

Few people know this, but I: Have a 2-year-old brother (Mikhail) who's going to be a terror in a few years.

Darian Hagan Colorado QB

Full name/nickname: Darian Lamon Hagan Sr./Trigger.

Birth date/place: February 1, 1970/Lynwood, Calif.

College major: Sociology.

In my spare time, I enjoy: Basketball and girls.

Favorite entertainers: N.W.A., Public Enemy, Janet Jackson.

I stay home to watch: Sports and the cartoon "The Simpsons."

When it comes to videos, CDs or books, I recommend: "The Untouchables" (movie); "Malcolm X" (book).

Favorite midnight snack: Ice cream, pecan praline, Oreo cookies.

Favorite NFL team to follow: San Francisco 49ers.

I spend my summers: Working, relaxing with my son, Darian Jr.

I'd give a year's scholarship to meet: Janet Jackson.

If I could spend a day with any historical figure, I'd choose: Martin Luther King Jr.

If I could change one thing about myself, I'd: Be 6-foot-1 and 190 pounds. (Hagan is 5-10, 185 pounds.)

In my younger days, my mother always thought I was: Very clumsy.

Favorite childhood toy: G.I. Joe.

When I played football as a kid, I always pretended I was: Walter Payton (a distant cousin).

The best football advice anyone ever gave me: "Relax and things will go smoothly." (Sal Aunese.)

The worst football advice anyone ever gave me: "You can't play quarterback in col-

lege." (Rival high school coach.)

People who knew me in high school thought I was: A very funny and classy guy to be around.

I knew I'd gone off to college when: I went back home after my freshman year and couldn't dance anymore.

What I like most about college is: The mountains and the social aspects around campus.

What I like least about college is: Being away from home (Los Angeles) and not seeing my son.

My teammates think I'm: Funny and never serious.

If I could change positions, I'd play: Middle linebacker.

My football fantasy is: To win the national championship.

Best athlete I've ever faced: Todd Lyght (Notre Dame cornerback).

Best moment of my collegiate career: TD run against Notre Dame (1990 Orange Bowl).

Worst moment of my collegiate career: My freshman year, I fumbled the snap and almost made us lose against Kansas.

If I could pick one person to build a college football team around, it'd be: Joel Steed (Colorado nose tackle).

If I had to pay to watch someone other than myself play, it'd be: Andre Ware (1989 Heisman Trophy winner from Houston).

I'm better than everyone else in college football when it comes to: Confidence builders (when a teammate is down).

If I could be NCAA executive president for a day, I'd: Pay the players all the money they deserve.

If I weren't in college, I'd probably be: Working as a fireman.

After leaving college, I'd like to: Play pro football or baseball.

When I'm 64, I envision myself: Sitting on the porch with my grandson, telling him stories of my old football days.

Few people know this, but I: Am afraid of heights—scared to death. (David Plati, the Buffaloes' sports information director, reports that when Hagan flew to New York for the 1989 Heisman ceremony, he refused to look out the window of the plane.)



PERSONAL

Robert Jones

East Carolina LB

Full name/nickname: Robert Lee Jones/Rab.
Birth date/place: September 27, 1969/Blacksburg, Va.

College major: Criminal justice.

In my spare time, I enjoy: Lifting, dancing and joking with the guys.

Favorite entertainers: Rap stars L.L. Cool J, Public Enemy.

I stay home to watch: "Sanford and Son."

When it comes to videos, CDs or books, I recommend: Luther Vandross videos.

Favorite midnight snack: Lucky Charms cereal.

Favorite NFL team to follow: L.A. Raiders.

I spend my summers: Working in farm fields and cutting grass.

I'd give a year's scholarship to meet: Janet Jackson.

If I could spend a day with any historical figure, I'd choose: Malcolm X.

If I could change one thing about myself, I'd: Change the way I am when I'm with girls.

In my younger days, my mother always thought I was: A very naughty but intelligent boy.

Favorite childhood toy: Electric train set.

When I played football as a kid, I always pretended I was: Mean Joe Greene.

Favorite childhood football memory: An interception my first year of playing; I scored a touchdown.

The best football advice anyone ever gave me: "Anticipate the worst and prevent the disaster."

The worst football advice anyone ever gave me: "You don't need a coach; he's just there to tell you the play. Go out and do your thing."

People who knew me in high school thought I was: A jerk who was crazy about football and only football.

What I like most about college is: You can meet new and interesting people every day.

What I like least about college is: The work gets no easier.

My teammates think I'm: A cheater half of the time (smile a lot).

If I could change positions, I'd play: Free safety.

My football fantasy is: Returning an interception to win the game.

Best athlete I've ever faced: Derrick Douglas (former Louisiana Tech running back).

Best moment of my collegiate career: When we stopped Virginia Tech on the 5-yard line on a fourth-and-one play. (That fourth-quarter defensive stand on October 21, 1989, helped preserve a 14-10 East Carolina victory.)

Worst moment of my collegiate career: When Syracuse successfully got a first down on a fourth-and-four and won the game four plays later (on a 24-yard field goal on October 28, 1989.)

If I had to pay to watch someone other than myself play, it'd be: Lawrence Taylor (New York Giants linebacker).

I'm better than everyone else in college football when it comes to: Overall strength and speed.

If I could be NCAA executive president for a day, I'd: Go easy on the spring practices.

If I weren't in college, I'd probably be: In the Navy.

After leaving college, I'd like to: Be a professional football player.

When I'm 64, I envision myself: As a well-retired man with not many worries but some backaches, etc.

Few people know this, but I: Have cooked for several players on the team.

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sport items (gloves, etc.).

Favorite childhood football memory: Scoring two TDs in one game in the sixth grade—the only two I've ever scored and probably the last.

The best football advice anyone ever gave me: "If you're going to make a mistake, make it full speed."

The worst football advice anyone ever gave me: That at Oklahoma we want to play on real hot days because we are used to the heat. I haven't gotten used to it yet.

I knew I'd gone off to college when: I had to do my own wash.

What I like most about college is: The social life and only two-three hours of class a day.

What I like least about college is: Class and homework.

If I could change positions, I'd play: Kicker. They don't do anything.

My football fantasy is: To make it in the NFL and play in the Super Bowl—and, of course, win!

Best athlete I've ever faced: Barry Sanders (1988 Heisman Trophy winner at Oklahoma State).

Best moment of my collegiate career: Starting against the Miami Hurricanes in the '88 Orange Bowl for the national championship.

Worst moment of my collegiate career: Losing to the 'Canes in that same game.

If I could pick one person to build a college football team around, it'd be: Darian Hagan (Colorado quarterback).

If I had to pay to watch someone other than myself play, it'd be: Lawrence Taylor (New York Giants linebacker).

I'm better than everyone else in college football when it comes to: Having excuses for screwing up.

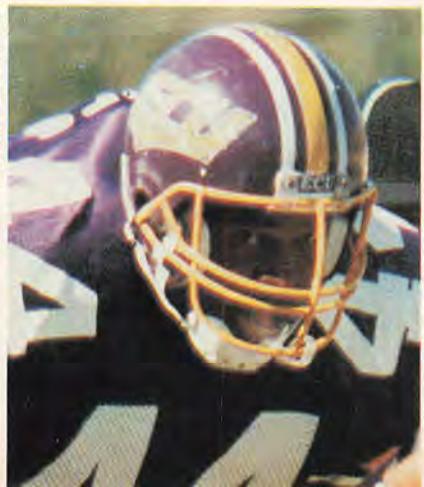
If I could be NCAA executive president for a day, I'd: Get rid of all the rules that are restricting college players. I feel that some of these rules are unconstitutional and remove any of the benefits that college athletes deserve. The money that is earned should in some way or another filter to the people that are earning the money. College athletes are being controlled and suffocated by this unfair organization.

If I weren't in college, I'd probably be: In the U.S. Marines.

After leaving college, I'd like to: Play pro football, coach, get a master's in business management and find a good job.

When I'm 64, I envision myself: Collecting retirement and Social Security funds.

Few people know this, but I: Am very impatient.



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New breed of defensive back takes a bite out of the opposition

By SCOTT PITONIAC
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

The football and a heat-seeking missile encased in UCLA gold and blue reached the Nebraska receiver in a blink. As a nauseating crunch rolled across the field, the ball and its intended recipient flew in opposite directions, airborne until gravity intervened and splattered them on the ground like roadkill.

Matt Darby, UCLA strong safety and resident warhead, thrust his fists skyward while trainers scraped Nebraska's hit-and-run victim off the plush, green grass of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Two snaps later during that 1988 matchup of Top 10 teams, the Cornhuskers threw another football in Darby's direction. Another collision. Another Big Hurt applied to the Big Red. Another notch on Darby's holster.

"After that, they kind of wised up and stopped throwing my way," he recalled. "I guess they were afraid they were going to run out of players."

It is an ongoing fear these days, fear borne not of cowardice but of genuine concern for a wide receiver's well-being. You see, college football's latest breed of defensive back is loud and proud, and still not comfortable with the notion that someone would have the audacity to trespass on his real estate.

"The way I see it," said Nebraska safety Reggie Cooper, "receivers are invading my home every time they try to catch a ball on me. They can go ahead and try to come my way, but there will be a heavy toll to pay."

And Cooper's is one toll station where money is not accepted. "I look for bodies," he said. "Guys foolish enough to come onto my property pay with their bodies."

Is it any surprise that Cooper's hero is Jack Tatum, the former Oakland Raiders defensive back dubbed "The Assassin"?

Tatum surely would be proud of Cooper and the other hell-for-leather defensive backs who will prowl college secondaries this fall, talking tough and looking for the big hit. They are a brash, talented bunch and mercilessly territorial. They boast nicknames such as "Predator" and "Hit Man." They strut and swagger—usually

away from opponents they've just turned into limp spaghetti.

"You have to be nasty to play defensive back," mused Georgia Tech safety Ken Swilling, one of the top contenders for the Jim Thorpe Award, which is presented annually to college football's best defensive back. "Some of the stuff we say may sound cruel but, hey, what those little running backs and receivers try to do to us is cruel, too. Man, they are trying to embarrass us in front of thousands of people. We're only human. We'd rather do the embarrassing than be embarrassed."

And dole out the punishment rather than be punished. "You have to let them know that violators will be prosecuted," explained Todd Lyght, the Notre Dame cornerback who enters this season as the top Thorpe candidate.

If all this talk sounds a bit crazed, perhaps even deranged, well, who ever said football was a rational pursuit?

"It's not for the faint-hearted, especially our positions," Darby said. "We are constantly living on the edge back there. You're always just a slip away from getting beat deep, so you have to develop a cockiness. You have to be brash."

That mentality is a turn-on for National Football League scouts, who consider this class of defensive backs to be the best in recent memory. They look at the likes of Lyght, Swilling, Cooper, Michigan's Tripp Welborne and North Carolina State's Jesse Campbell, and start salivating as if they've struck the mother lode.

"It seems like every year, you're getting bigger and faster and meaner kids playing in the secondary," said John Butler, the Buffalo Bills' director of scouting and player personnel.

"It's kind of like the trend of a few years ago when a lot of the best athletes were playing outside linebacker. Now, you're getting kids with near-linebacker size and wide receiver speed playing in

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Hell-for-leather defensive backs like Michigan's Tripp Welborne would make Jack Tatum proud.



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the defensive backfield.

"I think some of it is a reaction to the evolution of the passing game. To counteract pass rushes, offenses are taking three-step drops and releasing the ball a lot sooner, so it's almost impossible to get to the quarterback. That places a greater burden on your cover people, so coaches are taking some of their better athletes now and putting them in the secondary so they can keep pace with all those quick receivers."

Welborne, recruited as a wide receiver and used there as a freshman, took his sprinter's speed to the secondary when he reported to camp as a sophomore. "I still like offense better," he said, "but just by a hair. If offense is a 10, then defense is a 9.5."

Welborne would be wise not to make those feelings known to his brethren. Such talk is blasphemous to players like teammate David Key.

"I hate offensive players," Key said, laughing. "It makes me ill just to have them near me on a football field. It's like they have leprosy or something."

And just which defensive backs will receivers be avoiding like the plague this fall?

Ken Swilling

Georgia Tech, Jr., 6-3/238

You look at Ken Swilling and do a double take. Six-foot-three, 238 pounds? The perfect mold for a linebacker, or maybe a tight end.

But with 4.5-second speed in the 40-yard dash, this Mel Blount-sized safety is fast enough to cover wide receivers—and big enough to knock them into the next zip code.

"People keep saying that I should be playing linebacker," Swilling said, "but I really like where I am. You get to see things unfold. And there's nothing wrong with having a big guy back there as long as he can run. In fact, it's kind of nice ... you can really intimidate those little receivers. Plus, it helps out in run-support situations when you have to take on linemen and big backs."

Indeed, Swilling has emerged as one of the most feared defensive backs at the collegiate level, what with the physical requisites to play a rugged, aggressive game and the smarts to catch most anyone. As a sophomore last season, he ranked third on the team in tackles and intercepted six passes, returning them an average of 33.3 yards.

He also accounted for 14 points, scoring touchdowns on 72- and 95-yard interception returns and two points when he gobbled up a fake conversion pass and took it back 99 yards.

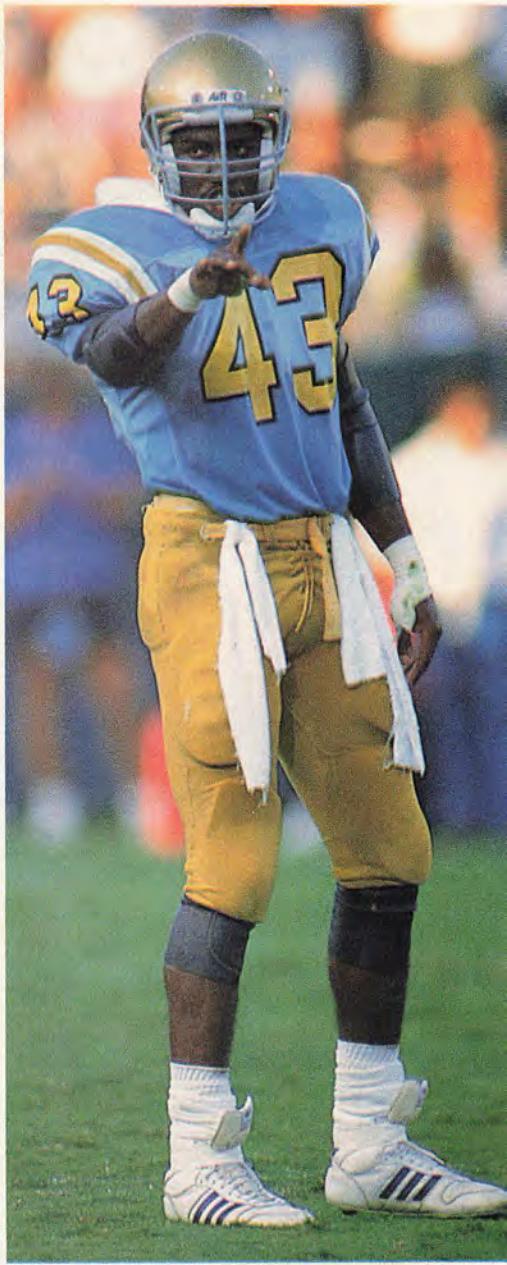
"He's darn near the biggest defensive back I've seen," Boston College quarterback Mike Power said after Swilling's 72-yard scoring return keyed a 13-12 Tech victory. "He took away the deep ball. I couldn't get anything deep—and I was looking for it, believe me."

Swilling has been partial to defense at least since his freshman season in high school, when he suffered a broken sternum playing tailback at Stephens County (Ga.) High School. He was sidelined that year and the next, but put back on the pads his junior year.

"We had to be careful with him after what he went through," Stephens Coach Rodney Walker recalled, "but he led that defense for two years and helped us out at running back (920 yards rushing) as a senior. If he hadn't been injured (as a freshman), I know he could have been up there now with the great offensive backs."

Success at Georgia Tech came almost immediately. Swilling started 10 of 11 games as a freshman and averaged 22.3 yards per return as Tech's kick returner. Yet when he first arrived on campus, people confused him with his cousin Pat, the

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Hitman Matt Darby loves dismembering opponents, a la Dick Butkus.

former Rambling Wreck star who is now a standout linebacker for the New Orleans Saints.

That rarely happens anymore.

"I'm finally getting my own identity," he said. "I'm casting my own shadow."

A big shadow, at that.

Matt Darby

UCLA, Jr., 6-2/207

Matt Darby is one of those Jekyll and Hyde characters. If he's not writing poetry in his free time, he's watching highlight films of Dick Butkus dismembering running backs.

"I guess I have a split personality," he theorized, chuckling. "I like writing poetry about things like nature and girls and love. It really relaxes me. But there's also an aggressive side to me, and football is one of the few places where you can release your aggression."



Ken Swilling looks more like a linebacker than a safety.

Darby's days as a prep All-America linebacker were marked by the same intensity, helped along by a video primer of Butkus' Greatest Hits.

"I just flat out love the way he played the game," Darby said. "You watch the hits he made. He put every ounce of strength he had into them. The man had unbelievable timing. He knew when to pull the trigger."

Recruited out of Green Run High School in Virginia, Darby was switched to the secondary when Bruin coaches witnessed firsthand his rare blend of speed and strength. Success, though, didn't arrive immediately.

"I gave up the longest scoring pass and the longest running touchdown," Darby remembered of his freshman season. "It was a difficult adjustment from linebacker because you do more reading and less reacting in the secondary. I got humbled a bit, but I rarely get burned anymore."

Now UCLA is comparing him to former Bruin hitmen Kenny Easley and the late Don Rogers.

Coach Terry Donahue has to feel doubly blessed. His other starting safety, Eric Turner, is an All-America candidate with a sixth sense for the football. UCLA coaches still rave about his 21-tackle game against Oregon last season (the most tackles ever by a Bruin defensive back and the highest mark by a UCLA defender since 1978).

Darby admits he and Turner have a

friendly rivalry going.

"We are both real competitive on the field, and I think that benefits both of us," he explained. "I'm always telling him that I'm going to go out there and make the biggest hit, and he tells me that I'm crazy, that he's going to land the big one."

Last fall, these two had more hits than Elvis and Bruce Springsteen combined. Between them, they amassed 250 tackles, broke up 21 passes and made four interceptions.

Todd Lyght

Notre Dame, Sr., 6-1/185

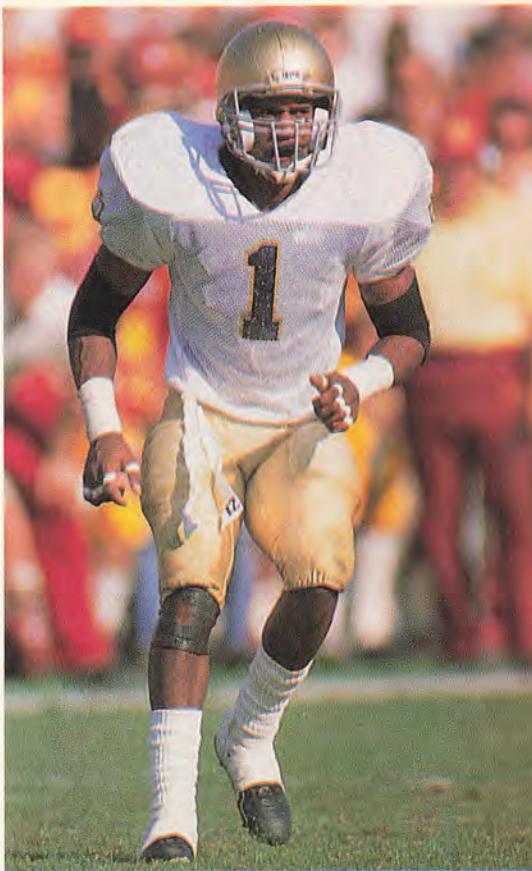
Some Einsteins on the offensive side of the ball got this crazy notion last fall that the best way to beat ballhawk Todd Lyght was to throw right at him.

Two-thirds of the way into the season, Lyght had eight interceptions in nine games and opposing offenses had a change of heart. They reverted to a tactic they'd employed with some success against the Fighting Irish cornerback one year earlier—total avoidance.

"I didn't mind them coming my way early because I wanted to get some interceptions," said Lyght, who finished second in the Thorpe balloting to Southern Cal's Mark Carrier. "I guess maybe they figured since I didn't have any interceptions the season before that, they should test me more."

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Irish foes are better off avoiding ballhawk Todd Lyght.

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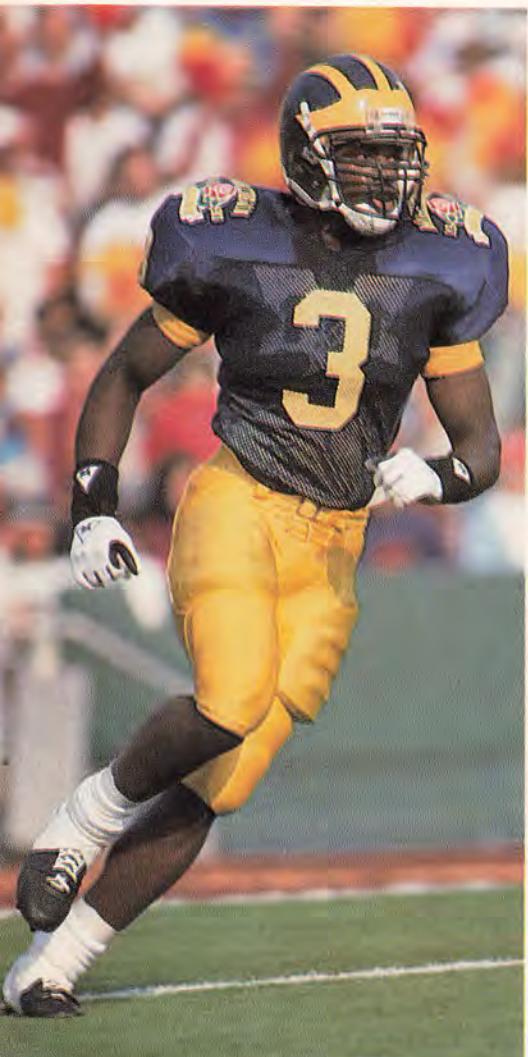
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Notre Dame's opponents might not be in this fix had Lyght not shown an independent streak as a child. He originally thought he'd make his mark in swimming, but Lyght tired of living in the shadow of an older brother and sister who would become All-America swimmers in college.

He climbed out of the pool and discovered football, eventually arriving at Notre Dame with ample credentials as a prep All-America and all-state receiver/defensive back from Luke M. Powers High School in Flint, Mich. Irish Coach Lou Holtz recruited him with the promise that he'd be heir to Tim Brown's flanker position (although Brown had one year of eligibility remaining, time enough to win the Heisman Trophy in 1987).

"I was like every other kid coming out of high school," Lyght said. "I wanted to go to a big college and score lots of touchdowns."

More important, he wanted to play as soon as possible. That explains why Lyght took Holtz up on his request that he move to an injury-riddled Irish secondary as a freshman. Lyght played in all 12 games, making two starts, and became a full-time starter as a sophomore.

"If there's a better defensive back in the country, I haven't seen him," Holtz said.

Voted a consensus All-America last season, Lyght no longer is known as "Trent and Cheryl's little brother." His identity crisis has been solved.

Tripp Welborne

Michigan, Sr., 6-0/221

Tripp Welborne is one of the nation's most respected—and avoided—safeties ... and he has no one to blame but himself.

You see, Welborne came to Michigan with dreams of catching touchdown passes, not preventing them. But as a freshman wide receiver in 1987, he made more tackles (seven) than receptions (two) and unwittingly convinced his coaches that he'd make one hard-hitting defensive back.

"We threw an awful lot of interceptions that year and I finished with a bunch of tackles," he recalled, laughing. "Looking back on it, I was a real dummy. Here I am running down people all over the field. No wonder Bo's standing on the sideline going, 'Hey, this kid should be in our secondary.'"

Which is exactly where Welborne lined up in camp the next spring.

"I thought it was going to be a temporary thing, that I'd be back on offense eventually," he said. "Then, in our very first scrimmage, I make this hellacious hit on somebody, almost knock the guy's helmet off. I can see Bo's eyes light up. I'm thinking to myself, 'Well, Tripp, you did it again. Now Bo's going to keep you here forever.'"

Welborne made a pitch to sell himself as a two-way player, a la former Holy Cross star Gordie Lockbaum, but Coach Schembechler would have none of it.

Not that Welborne regrets the way things have turned out. He earned consensus All-America honors last season and made the critical fourth-and-goal stop at the 1-yard line that preserved Michigan's 10-7 win over Michigan State. Not bad for someone playing a position for which he wasn't recruited in a sport that isn't his favorite.

Basketball remains his first love, and Welborne occasionally gets the opportunity to reacquaint himself with Michael Jordan's moves in off-season pickup games. The two became friends when they attended a basketball camp back in North Carolina.

"Whenever I'm on the court with him, he asks me, 'What are you doing here, Tripp? This ain't your game.'"

Football most definitely is. And the way he's been playing, it appears destined to become his livelihood.

David Key

Michigan, Sr., 5-10/198

Like Welborne, cornerback David Key made the switch from offense to defense at Michigan. Unlike his teammate, Key crossed the line doing cartwheels.

"I never really liked offense to begin with," the former running back said. "I always felt it was better to be the hitter than the hittee."

He learned that lesson as a 9-year-old playing in the Police Athletic League in Columbus, O. One of Key's coaches had

RATING THE NATION'S TOP DEFENSIVE BACKS

Rk. CORNERBACKS

Rk.	CORNERBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Todd Lyght	6-1/184	Sr.	Notre Dame	The best player in college football.
2.	Bruce Pickens	5-11/190	Sr.	Nebraska	Becoming a superb cover specialist.
3.	Chris Green	5-11/191	Sr.	Illinois	Illini's finest cornerback in history.
4.	Henry Jones	6-0/195	Sr.	Illinois	He and Green form nation's top duo.
5.	Darryl Lewis	5-9/186	Sr.	Arizona	Faster, more athletic than most WRs.
6.	Kevin Scott	5-11/182	Sr.	Stanford	Excellent all-purpose player.
7.	Richard Fain	5-11/186	Sr.	Florida	Latest in series of excellent Gator DBs.
8.	Kevin Smith	6-0/175	Jr.	Texas A&M	Made great strides in '89.
9.	Efrum Thomas	6-1/185	Sr.	Alabama	Still needs work, but tough to beat.
10.	Ousmane Bary	5-11/197	Soph.	Syracuse	He'll be in Lyght's spot in '92.
11.	Joe Johnson	5-9/178	Sr.	North Carolina State	Sometimes gets beat deep.
12.	Brian Beck	5-8/168	Jr.	Oregon State	Sticks to receivers like glue.
13.	David Key	5-10/198	Sr.	Michigan	He'll knock your tattoo off.
14.	John Hardy	6-0/180	Sr.	California	Knee injury lowered his stock.
15.	Troy Vincent	6-0/182	Jr.	Wisconsin	Coaches think he's Big Ten's best.

Rk. SAFETIES

Rk.	SAFETIES	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Tripp Welborne	6-0/221	Sr.	Michigan	The epitome of a safety.
2.	Louis Riddick	6-3/212	Sr.	Pittsburgh	Among the most valued by pro scouts.
3.	Ken Swilling	6-3/235	Jr.	Georgia Tech	New-breed DB is big, strong, tough.
4.	Jesse Campbell	6-3/210	Jr.	North Carolina State	Looking to rebound from subpar '89.
5.	Marquez Pope	5-10/175	Jr.	Fresno State	Vicious hitter deserves more notice.
6.	Marlon Primous	6-2/209	Jr.	Illinois	Provides excellent run support.
7.	Vada Murray	6-3/193	Sr.	Michigan	Would rate No. 1 in most years.
8.	Godfrey Myles	6-2/234	Sr.	Florida	Size/speed combination is unmatched.
9.	Chris Moton	6-3/209	Sr.	Washington State	Has good ability to react.
10.	Reggie Cooper	6-3/205	Sr.	Nebraska	Underachiever with tremendous ability.
11.	Nathan LaDuke	5-11/196	Sr.	Arizona State	Physically limited, but gets job done.
12.	Matt Darby	6-2/207	Jr.	UCLA	Covers field from sideline to sideline.
13.	Jeff Hammerschmidt	5-10/188	Sr.	Arizona	Injury ruined '89 All-America hopes.
14.	Rob Thomson	6-2/201	Sr.	Syracuse	Orange's team leader and best player.
15.	Mike Dumas	6-0/178	Sr.	Indiana	Question mark after switch from CB.

this favorite drill in which he'd toss a football high into the air and watch two players battle for it.

"I made up my mind that I was going to do everything in my power to get that football," Key recalled. "I jumped up and reached as high as I could. The next thing I know, I'm on the ground trying to catch my breath. The other kid had decided to go for me instead of the ball. I never made that mistake again. From that day on, I went for the hit first, the ball second."

These days, he'll pass on that lesson to naive receivers who should know better. His ferocious hits have gained him a nickname, "Predator," and left opponents wrestling with an abject funk.

"My teammates gave me (the nickname)," he said. "We were watching this horror movie that had this thing stalking about, and one of the actors said, 'We don't know what it is, but it ain't no man.' That's what they say about me when I put a big hit on somebody."

Reggie Cooper

Nebraska, Sr., 6-3/205

He led the Nebraska defense in unassisted tackles last season and tied for the Big Eight Conference lead with four interceptions. Cornhusker fans like to imagine what he'd have done with two good knees.

When Reggie Cooper trotted out to his strong safety position last fall, he did so on a damaged left knee that steadily degenerated due to torn cartilage. After arthro-

scopic surgery, Cooper's knee is sound again, and that's bad news for receivers invading his homestead.

"I think I can show even more of my game now that I'm completely healthy," he said. "I'm looking to make some big hits."

Hitting is why Cooper plays the game. He'd rather knock someone's helmet off than intercept a pass. Occasionally, that mindset for mayhem offers grounds for a reprimand.

"We'll be watching films of our game, and the coaches will ask me why I didn't go for the ball instead of the receiver on a certain play," Cooper admitted. "I just keep my mouth shut. I don't want them to know that I just can't resist going for the bigger target."

Cooper, the leading tackler in the Husker secondary the last two years, said receivers do a lot of bragging early in the game, often yapping about how they'll turn him into toast on deep routes.

"I just let them talk," he laughed. "Then, after I tattoo them, I'll get in a few words of my own. It's amazing how quiet these big talkers become after you knock the wind out of them a few times."

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On the following pages are the rest of the position-by-position rankings of the nation's best Division I-A players, many of whom will be touted for the Heisman Trophy, the Outland Trophy, the Lombardi Award, the Davey O'Brien Award, the Butkus Award and, of course, All-America acclaim. ■

JOHN WILLIAMSON



Reggie Cooper prefers going for the body rather than the ball.

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David Key's teammates don't call him "Predator" for nothing.

TSN'S AWARD CANDIDATES

HEISMAN TROPHY (TOP PLAYER)

1. RAGHIB ISMAIL, WR, Notre Dame.
2. DARIAN HAGAN, QB, Colorado.
3. TY DETMER, QB, Brigham Young.
4. TODD MARINOVICH, QB, Southern Cal.
5. CRAIG ERICKSON, QB, Miami (Fla.).
6. SHAWN MOORE, QB, Virginia.
7. CHUCK WEATHERSPOON, RB, Houston.
8. CURVIN RICHARDS, RB, Pittsburgh.
9. CARL PICKENS, WR/S, Tennessee.
10. AARON CRAVER, RB, Fresno State.

OUTLAND TROPHY (TOP INTERIOR LINEMAN)

1. RUSSELL MARYLAND, DT, Miami (Fla.).
2. CHRIS ZORICH, NT, Notre Dame.
3. MOE GARDNER, NT, Illinois.
4. ED KING, OG, Auburn.
5. SCOTT EVANS, DT, Oklahoma.
6. JOHN FLANNERY, C, Syracuse.
7. STACY LONG, OT, Clemson.
8. JOE GARTEN, OG, Colorado.
9. GEORGE WILLIAMS, DT, Notre Dame.
10. DEAN DINGMAN, OG, Michigan.

LOMBARDI AWARD (TOP LINEMAN/LINEBACKER)

1. ALFRED WILLIAMS, OLB, Colorado.
2. RUSSELL MARYLAND, DT, Miami (Fla.).
3. CHRIS ZORICH, NT, Notre Dame.
4. KEITH HAMILTON, DE, Pittsburgh.
5. ALONZO SPELLMAN, DE, Ohio State.
6. MOE GARDNER, NT, Illinois.
7. KANAVIS McGHEE, OLB, Colorado.
8. ED KING, OG, Auburn.
9. SCOTT EVANS, DT, Oklahoma.
10. HUEY RICHARDSON, DE, Florida.

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (TOP QUARTERBACK)

1. DARIAN HAGAN, Colorado.
2. PAUL JUSTIN, Arizona State.
3. TY DETMER, Brigham Young.
4. TODD MARINOVICH, Southern Cal.
5. SHAWN MOORE, Virginia.
6. CRAIG ERICKSON, Miami (Fla.).
7. DAN McGWIRE, San Diego State.
8. ALEX VAN PELT, Pittsburgh.
9. BRETT FAVRE, Southern Mississippi.
10. BILL MUSGRAVE, Oregon.

BUTKUS AWARD (TOP LINEBACKER)

1. ALFRED WILLIAMS, Colorado.
2. KANAVIS McGHEE, Colorado.
3. MICHAEL STONEBREAKER, Notre Dame.
4. MAURICE CRUM, Miami (Fla.).
5. MORRIS LEWIS, Georgia.
6. LEVON KIRKLAND, Clemson.
7. ARNOLD ALE, UCLA.
8. DARRICK BROWNLOW, Illinois.
9. ROBERT JONES, East Carolina.
10. PETER BRANTLEY, Oregon.

THORPE AWARD (TOP DEFENSIVE BACK)

1. TODD LYGH, CB, Notre Dame.
2. TRIPP WELBORNE, S, Michigan.
3. LOUIS RIDDICK, S, Pittsburgh.
4. KEN SWILLING, S, Georgia Tech.
5. JESSE CAMPBELL, S, North Carolina State.
6. BRUCE PICKENS, CB, Nebraska.
7. CHRIS GREEN, CB, Illinois.
8. MARQUEZ POPE, S, Fresno State.
9. MARLON PRIMOUS, S, Illinois.
10. DARRYL LEWIS, CB, Arizona.



ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS

In any system, Richardson keys Gator pass rush

By LARRY GUEST
Orlando Sentinel

In many ways, Florida's Huey Richardson defies definition.

Is he the angel who has earned a 3.1 grade-point average in economics and inspired the team doctor and chaplain to testify on behalf of his character? Or the devil who keeps having off-the-field problems that have resulted in a stab wound to his abdomen on one occasion and a two-game suspension on another?

Is he the physical specimen who combines 4.6-second speed in the 40-yard dash with 236 pounds of muscle? Or the guy who once lost a one-on-one with Gainesville's drinking water and became dehydrated because he didn't like the taste?

Is he the outside linebacker who set a school record for sacks (12½) last fall despite his two-game suspension? Or a defensive end, as the Gators' new coaching staff renamed him last spring?

It's hard to say. But one matter concerning Richardson seems clear: The National Football League will call him early in its 1991 draft. In fact, Richardson's draft prospects were so favorable last spring that Gator fans feared the pass-rushing specialist would turn pro a year early.

"There were people telling Huey about a coming NFL wage scale and the draft," said Steve Spurrier, an offensive whiz who was named Florida's new coach last December. "So Huey had to think about it. I told him I thought he could help his case if he came back and had a big year...."

"I told him I think and hope our offense will score a lot of points. When you do that, the other team is often forced to throw to keep up. That just plays right into his strong suit. Huey is a great pass rusher, but other teams haven't been throwing that much on Florida."

Despite his change in job titles, Richardson still will be the Gators' primary pass rusher this season. But Florida's switch from a three-man defensive line to a four-man front means he will be operating as a down lineman. In addition, the 6-foot-5 senior is in the process of learning his third defensive system at Florida.

"The first time we changed defensive coordinators at Florida really got me down," he said. "But I'm mature enough now to handle anything.... It's a major transition when you change coaching staffs. There's good and bad. You have new enthusiasm, but you lose some consistency. You have to learn a whole new scheme. But this one works, and we've got the athletes here to make it work." ■



The NFL will call Huey Richardson early in its 1991 draft.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	ENDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Keith Hamilton	6-7/275	Soph.	Pittsburgh	A master of disaster as a freshman.
2.	Alonzo Spellman	6-6/255	Soph.	Ohio State	Arguably best defender anywhere.
3.	Huey Richardson	6-5/236	Sr.	Florida	Could be first player taken in '91 draft.
4.	Shane Dronett	6-6/252	Soph.	Texas	Best Longhorn lineman in years.
5.	Mike Chalenski	6-5/255	Soph.	UCLA	Pitt's loss is Bruins' gain.
6.	James Goode	6-4/242	Sr.	Oklahoma	Seems injury prone. Excellent athlete.
7.	Mitch Donahue	6-3/260	Sr.	Wyoming	Gives quarterbacks nightmares.
8.	Chris Slade	6-5/212	Soph.	Virginia	A dominant force as a freshman.
9.	Corey Miller	6-2/250	Sr.	South Carolina	Must become more consistent.
10.	Matt LaBounty	6-4/246	Jr.	Oregon	When this Duck runs amok, look out.

Rk.	TACKLES	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Russell Maryland	6-2/273	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	As mean and nasty as tackles come.
2.	Scott Evans	6-3/260	Sr.	Oklahoma	Tenacity makes him a natural for DT.
3.	George Williams	6-3/298	Sr.	Notre Dame	Academics sidelined him in '89.
4.	Kelvin Pritchett	6-3/266	Sr.	Mississippi	Plays all out all the time.
5.	David Rocker	6-4/264	Sr.	Auburn	Controls the line of scrimmage.
6.	Fernando Horn	6-5/270	Sr.	Auburn	Teams with Rocker to wreak havoc.
7.	Shane Collins	6-4/276	Jr.	Arizona State	Just starting to tap his potential.
8.	Kenny Walker	6-4/230	Sr.	Nebraska	A thinking man's lineman.
9.	Jason Youngblood	6-4/285	Soph.	Houston	A good, mobile athlete for his size.
10.	Santana Dotson	6-5/264	Jr.	Baylor	Has excellent technique and agility.

Rk.	NOSEGARDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Chris Zorich	6-1/266	Sr.	Notre Dame	Meanest, toughest player in the game.
2.	Moe Gardner	6-2/250	Sr.	Illinois	Great pass rusher overpowers foes.
3.	Walter Tate	6-2/306	Soph.	Auburn	Could be Tigers' best middle man ever.
4.	Esera Tuao	6-4/268	Sr.	Oregon State	Has a never-say-die attitude.
5.	Demetrius Hill	6-2/264	Sr.	Mississippi State	SEC centers wish he'd return to DT.
6.	Eric Schaller	6-4/231	Sr.	Colorado State	Knee injury slowed his progress.
7.	Joel Steed	6-3/280	Jr.	Colorado	Especially strong against the run.
8.	Chad Rolen	6-3/265	Sr.	Arkansas	Even better against run than Steed.
9.	Larry McDaniel	6-3/230	Soph.	Indiana	Quick feet are his strong point.
10.	Andy Kirkland	6-0/233	Sr.	Navy	Injuries have lessened effectiveness.

NOTE: Miami's Maryland has expressed interest in petitioning the NFL for inclusion in a supplemental draft.

FSU's blue-chip 'backer comes from Spartan home

By BILL McGROTHA
Tallahassee Democrat

If ever Michigan State's recruiters figured they had the inside track on a hot prep prospect, it had to have been Kirk Carruthers.

For starters, Carruthers, who made three all-state teams as a linebacker and two as a tight end, grew up within a mile of Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. In addition, his father, Joseph Carruthers, had played for the Spartans and then coached for them under Duffy Daugherty.

There's more. Michigan State Coach George Perles was best man at the wedding of Kirk's parents. Perles also is Kirk's godfather.

"I grew up calling him Uncle George," said Carruthers, smiling. "Somehow I didn't think that would have gone over too well on the practice field had I gone to Michigan State."

So much for the Spartans' inside track. By his senior year at East Lansing High School, Carruthers had focused his search on colleges outside his hometown. Florida State joined the list after Carruthers watched the Seminoles trample Michigan State, 31-3, in East Lansing. He was so impressed that he wrote Florida State a letter expressing his interest in the program.

"I had wanted to expand my horizons, and I had started researching teams in the South," Carruthers said. "Then I saw that game."

The Seminoles responded with a scholarship offer. Carruthers was bound for Tallahassee.

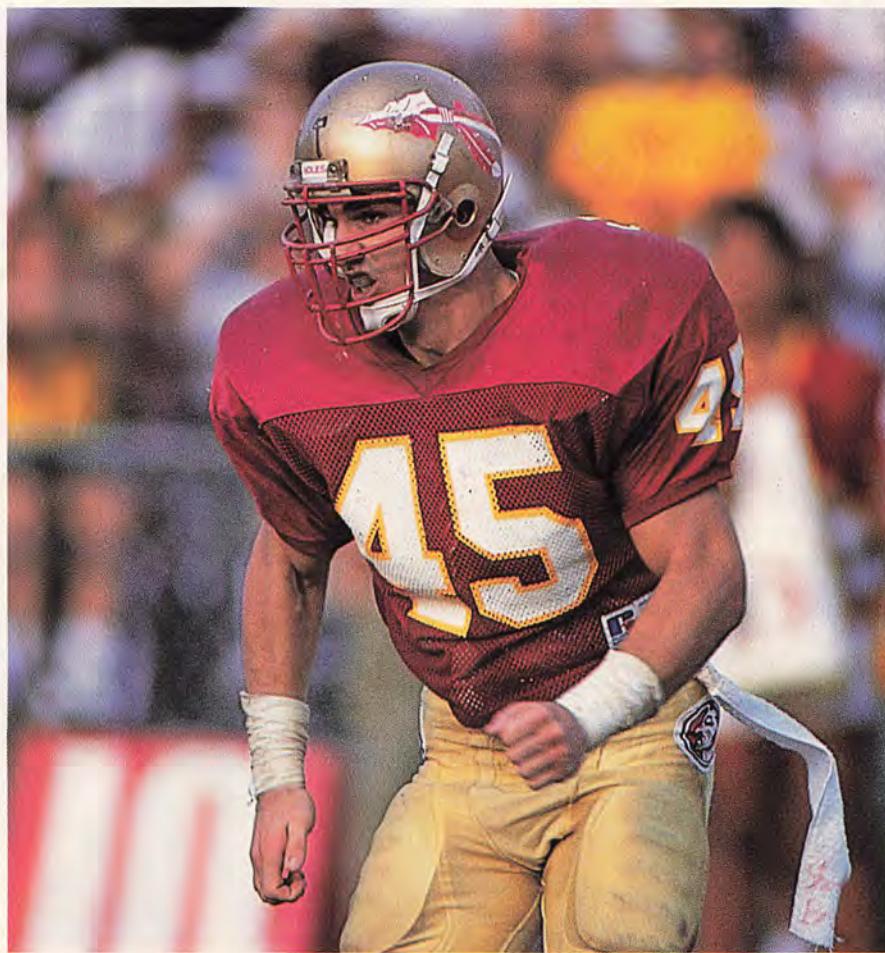
"It really wasn't wanting to get away from home," he said, "but rather the surroundings of home.... My father had done it at Michigan State—played there, coached there. I wanted to do it somewhere else."

Seminole fans are thrilled he's doing it at Florida State. The inside linebacker is coming off an outstanding sophomore season in which he made a team-high 145 tackles, broke up five passes, intercepted three more, caused a pair of fumbles and recovered another. His top game (16 tackles, two interceptions, one fumble recovery) came in the Seminoles' 24-10 victory over eventual national champion Miami.

"If he doesn't win someone's defensive player of the week," Seminoles Coach Bobby Bowden said afterward, "then Superman is playing for someone's team."

A coach in search of a Superman would likely pass on Carruthers. He packs barely 210 pounds on his 6-foot-2 frame.

"You wish he were bigger," Bowden said. "But as long as he can stand the punishment.... He is just a natural football player—an instinctive one.... He's always headed in the right direction. Some of 'em, you know, make real good time doing it, but they're going in the wrong direction." ■



ALLEN DEAN STEELE

Kirk Carruthers is always headed in the right direction.

LINEBACKERS

RK. INSIDE

	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1. Michael Stonebreaker	6-1/228	Sr.	Notre Dame	A Jack Lambert clone.
2. Arnold Ale	6-4/211	Soph.	UCLA	Former OLB is a devastating tackler.
3. Darrick Brownlow	5-10/233	Sr.	Illinois	Undersized LB is plenty productive.
4. Doug Brewster	6-1/205	Sr.	Clemson	On fourth and one, he's your man.
5. Chris Wilson	6-3/226	Jr.	Oklahoma	Sooners coaches rate him with The Boz.
6. Anthony Williams	6-2/228	Jr.	Texas A&M	Another star for the new Linebacker U.
7. Kirk Carruthers	6-2/210	Jr.	Florida State	Seminole's silent defensive leader.
8. Darrin Trieb	6-2/228	Sr.	Purdue	Has shown flashes of brilliance.
9. Erick Anderson	6-1/234	Jr.	Michigan	The Wolverines' best player.
10. Scott Ross	6-2/235	Sr.	Southern California	Flamboyant, aggressive headhunter.
11. John Clark	6-3/240	Jr.	Akron	Plays smart and sheds blocks well.
12. Steve Tovar	6-4/230	Soph.	Ohio State	Could be better than Chris Spielman.
13. Reggie Burnette	6-3/235	Sr.	Houston	A sideline-to-sideline defender.
14. Darrel Crawford	6-2/226	Jr.	Auburn	Awesome hitter who makes big plays.
15. James Clifford	6-1/230	Jr.	Washington	Huskies' defensive leader.

RK. OUTSIDE

	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1. Alfred Williams	6-6/230	Sr.	Colorado	Will vie for top pick in '91 draft.
2. Kanavis McGhee	6-5/250	Sr.	Colorado	Best big-play artist in the land.
3. Maurice Crum	6-0/222	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Backbone of the Hurricane defense.
4. Morris Lewis	6-4/227	Sr.	Georgia	Might be Bulldogs' finest LB ever.
5. Levon Kirkland	6-2/230	Jr.	Clemson	Tigers' most punishing tackler.
6. Robert Jones	6-3/230	Jr.	East Carolina	Nation's most underrated LB.
7. Peter Brantley	6-5/230	Sr.	Oregon	Blossomed in '89. Excellent athlete.
8. Mel Agree	6-4/287	Sr.	Illinois	Former DE's forte is harassing QBs.
9. William Thomas	6-3/205	Sr.	Texas A&M	Rarely caught out of position.
10. Ricardo McDonald	6-2/230	Jr.	Pittsburgh	Finest, toughest athlete of the group.
11. Darryl Hardy	6-3/215	Jr.	Tennessee	Consistency would raise his grade.
12. Donald Jones	6-1/226	Jr.	Washington	Best pass-rush specialist in the West.
13. Carlos Jenkins	6-5/215	Sr.	Michigan State	Spartans' best OLB in a decade.
14. Andre Jones	6-4/225	Sr.	Notre Dame	Provides Irish with outside pass rush.
15. Alex Marshall	6-4/241	Jr.	Michigan	Too passive to rate higher.



ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS

Picture this: from failure comes success

By B.G. BROOKS
Rocky Mountain News

Every morning and night since early January, the picture at Eric Bieniemy's bedside has sternly reminded him that minor mistakes sometimes result in major disappointment.

To the right of the Colorado tailback's bed is a color photograph of his first-quarter fumble in the 1990 Orange Bowl. This is what Bieniemy sees:

With muscular legs churning, he has escaped into the Notre Dame secondary on a 16-yard run. He has, however, lost his grip on the football, which is suspended invitingly in no one's grasp.

"As a running back, you're always taught to switch hands in the open field and keep the ball toward the sideline," Bieniemy recalled. "That's what I was doing, switching hands. I dropped the ball below my waist, then hit it with my leg. Maybe I got too excited. But it was definitely a lack of concentration."

The Irish recovered the fumble at their 19-yard line, thwarting Colorado's bid for the lead on its second possession. Bieniemy still hasn't watched any reruns of the 21-6 loss, which cost the Buffs their first-ever national championship.

"But with the picture, I'm reminded every day of how close we came," he said. "It's something you learn to deal with, and go forward. But I want the picture there as a friendly reminder of how little things can keep you from achieving the great things in life."

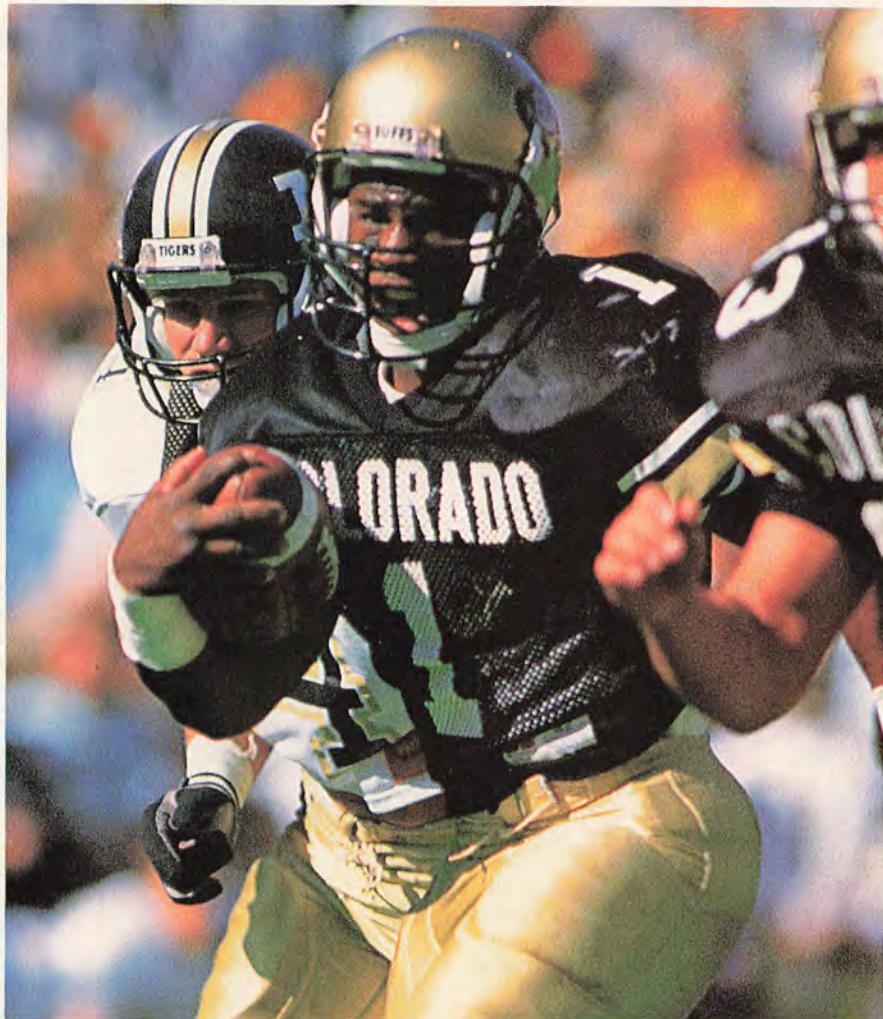
Coming off an 11-1 season, the 5-foot-7 Bieniemy enters his senior year in search of greater things from himself and the Buffs. After losing seven pounds from his Orange Bowl playing weight of 197, he covered 40 yards this spring in 4.38 seconds, his fastest time ever.

"I feel leaner, trimmer, faster," he said. "It's got to make a big difference. I've come out in better condition than ever."

Currently third on Colorado's all-time rushing list, Bieniemy needed 1,208 yards last season to become the career leader. He finished with 561 yards after suffering a fractured fibula and missing the last five regular-season games (save for one play against Nebraska).

With Bieniemy healthy for an entire season, he could lead the Buffs one step farther than a year ago.

"But the thing this senior class is stressing," he said, "is that you're only as good as your last performance. Going in, 11-0 doesn't mean a thing. In 1990, we're still 0-1." He has a picture to prove it. ■



CLIFF GRASSMICK

Eric Bieniemy enters his senior year in search of greater things.

RUNNING BACKS

Rk. HALFBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1. Aaron Craver.....	6-0/215	Sr.	Fresno State	Has Heisman Trophy ability.
2. Curvin Richards.....	5-10/195	Jr.	Pittsburgh	Coach's dream: a talented team player.
3. Darren Lewis.....	6-0/220	Sr.	Texas A&M	Attitude is his only drawback.
4. Blaise Bryant.....	6-0/195	Sr.	Iowa State	The Cyclones' Michael Jordan.
5. Chuck Webb.....	5-10/197	Soph.	Tennessee	Rated by some as the nation's best.
6. Leonard Russell.....	6-3/235	Jr.	Arizona State	He'll take the Pac-10 by storm.
7. Siran Stacy.....	5-11/195	Sr.	Alabama	The Crimson Tide's main weapon.
8. Mike Mayweather.....	5-8/184	Sr.	Army	A Heisman candidate anywhere else.
9. Eric Bieniemy.....	5-7/190	Sr.	Colorado	Blessed with excellent instincts.
10. Stacy Danley.....	6-3/216	Sr.	Auburn	A punishing back with good hands.
11. Terry Kirby.....	6-3/210	Soph.	Virginia	A tremendous physical specimen.
12. Harvey Williams.....	6-3/208	Sr.	Louisiana State	If healthy, he rates with Tigers' best.
13. Dorsey Levens.....	6-2/219	Soph.	Notre Dame	Another stud in the Irish stable.
14. Kevin Williams.....	6-0/193	Soph.	UCLA	Must toughen up physically, mentally.
15. Ricky Evans.....	5-8/190	Sr.	Southern California	Opinions vary on his ability.

Rk. FULLBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1. Robert Wilson.....	6-1/245	Jr.	Texas A&M	Ranks with best regardless of position.
2. Scottie Graham.....	5-10/225	Jr.	Ohio State	Could figure into Heisman race.
3. James Joseph.....	6-2/225	Sr.	Auburn	Equally talented at HB or FB.
4. Howard Griffith.....	5-10/227	Sr.	Illinois	A superb receiver and leader.
5. Steve McGuire.....	5-11/219	Soph.	Miami (Fla.)	Has shown flashes of greatness.
6. Leonard Conley.....	5-9/170	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Might be team's toughest player.
7. Jarrod Bunch.....	6-2/241	Sr.	Michigan	Has improved into top-notch player.
8. Jamal Farmer.....	5-10/222	Soph.	Hawaii	Thrives in Rainbows' one-back set.
9. Alphonso Ellis.....	5-9/205	Sr.	Georgia	Good health would raise his stock.
10. Rodney Culver.....	6-0/220	Jr.	Notre Dame	Skills still need some refinement.
11. Kevin Turner.....	6-0/210	Jr.	Alabama	Handles every facet of the game well.
12. Todd Yert.....	6-1/223	Sr.	Colorado State	A consistent performer.
13. Adam Dach.....	6-0/210	Jr.	Northern Illinois	Produces in short-yardage situations.
14. JuJu Harshaw.....	6-0/232	Sr.	Arkansas	Excellent speed to complement size.
15. Rodney Lewis.....	6-1/198	Sr.	Air Force	Superb blocker with a burst of speed.

Justin rises from depths of despair to top of class

By DON BORST
Tacoma Morning News Tribune

Paul Justin was lying on his back in Husky Stadium with 73,000 people screaming at him.

"I thought I was in hell," he said. "It couldn't get any worse."

A promising October afternoon in 1987 had become a horrific nightmare for Arizona State's redshirt freshman quarterback. Justin had walked in with a swagger, figuring his start against Washington—the first of his Sun Devil career—marked his arrival as a big-time college quarterback. He promptly fell flat on his face.

Less than a minute into the game, Justin's first pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown. He dropped a snap from center moments later. Coming apart at the seams, he quickly found a space on the Sun Devil bench. Justin didn't regain his starting job until midway through his sophomore season.

"It was one of the biggest learning experiences I've ever had in life, not just in football," Justin recalled. "I learned that you have to maintain control."

"Maturing is a big part of it... growing up intellectually and physically. The way I look at it now, if I let things affect me like that, it's my own fault. It's up to me. And now I'm better equipped to handle things."

He already had the physical equipment. The 6-foot-5, 210-pound senior has quick feet and an exceptionally strong arm. But "even though he has all of the physical qualities you look for in a quarterback," Arizona State Coach Larry Marmie said, "it's the mental qualities that make him the player that he is. He has a sense of mental toughness about him.... Even when he was a freshman on the scout team, you could sense an air about him that was different—and he's used that and learned how to control it."

Justin controlled it well enough in 1989 to complete 58.3 percent of his passes for 2,591 yards, 17 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions. Perhaps most indicative of his progress was his performance against Washington at Husky Stadium, the site of his freshman fiasco.

"I walked in there and thought it was the prettiest stadium I'd ever seen—right on the water like that," he said. "It wasn't anything like I remembered it."

Nor was Justin at all like the quarterback Husky fans remembered. Calm and confident, he passed for 339 yards and three touchdowns in leading Arizona State to a 34-32 triumph. Now, three years later, he looks back at his first start against the Huskies as a key factor in his emergence as the nation's top returning quarterback.

"It's funny, but I'm so glad it happened to me," he said. "There's no easy way to learn those things, and now I'm better off for it." ■



MIKE POWELL/ALLSPORT USA

Paul Justin's mental toughness makes him the player that he is.

QUARTERBACKS

Rk.	PASSING	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Paul Justin.....	6-5/210	Sr.	Arizona State	Toughest QB since Bradshaw.
2.	Ty Detmer.....	6-0/175	Jr.	Brigham Young	The best of BYU's passing legends?
3.	Todd Marinovich.....	6-4/210	Soph.	Southern California	Heisman candidate in his second year.
4.	Dan McGwire.....	6-8/240	Sr.	San Diego State	A big-timer who'll prosper in the NFL.
5.	Craig Erickson.....	6-2/196	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Plays his best against the best.
6.	Donald Hollas.....	6-3/215	Sr.	Rice	Built like a linebacker with a great arm.
7.	T.J. Rubley.....	6-4/198	Sr.	Tulsa	Rated highly by the pro scouts.
8.	Brett Favre.....	6-2/210	Sr.	Southern Mississippi	Talented, but attitude is questionable.
9.	Brad Gossen.....	6-2/208	Sr.	Washington State	Most underrated passer around.
10.	Bill Musgrave.....	6-3/200	Sr.	Oregon	Mr. Clutch. A consummate leader.
11.	Alex Van Pelt.....	6-2/200	Soph.	Pittsburgh	A product of Pitt's offensive system.
12.	Browning Nagle.....	6-2/229	Sr.	Louisville	The key to the Cardinals' success.
13.	David Klingler.....	6-3/205	Jr.	Houston	Under Jenkins, he'll be an all-star.
14.	Gary Hollingsworth.....	6-4/179	Sr.	Alabama	Doesn't dazzle, but he wins.
15.	Billy Ray.....	6-3/205	Sr.	Duke	When healthy, he makes scouts drool.
16.	Rick Mirer.....	6-3/212	Soph.	Notre Dame	His arm reminds many of Montana.
17.	Greg Jones.....	6-2/201	Sr.	West Virginia	After four years, he's finally the man.
18.	Mark Barsotti.....	6-2/195	Jr.	Fresno State	All he lacks is leadership ability.
19.	Bret Johnson.....	6-0/182	Soph.	UCLA	Homer Smith's arrival is a big plus.
20.	Eric Hunter.....	6-4/198	Soph.	Purdue	Displayed great ability in brief '89 trial.
Rk.	ALL-PURPOSE	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Darian Hagan.....	5-10/185	Jr.	Colorado	Finest option QB since Jack Milden.
2.	Shawn Moore.....	6-2/210	Sr.	Virginia	An excellent passer with athleticism.
3.	Stacey Robinson.....	6-1/192	Sr.	Northern Illinois	A constant threat to score.
4.	Quinn Grovey.....	5-10/185	Sr.	Arkansas	Makes the big play at the right time.
5.	Alton Grizzard.....	6-0/196	Sr.	Navy	A one-man show in Annapolis.
6.	Bryan McWilliams.....	5-11/180	Sr.	Army	A steady performer who wins.
7.	Ron Gray.....	5-10/170	Soph.	Air Force	Converted RB with awesome talent.
8.	Mike Grant.....	6-2/200	Jr.	Nebraska	Draws comparisons to Turner Gill.
9.	DeChane Cameron.....	6-0/191	Jr.	Clemson	Fine combination of size and speed.
10.	Mickey Joseph.....	5-11/175	Jr.	Nebraska	Good enough to start most places.



ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS

Auburn's King rules the line of scrimmage

By RICHARD SCOTT
Birmingham Post-Herald

The first time Auburn Coach Pat Dye saw Ed King, he knew the youngster was special. Speed, quickness, size, strength, maturity—the Phenix City, Ala., high school star had it all.

And it took King only one day of college practice to confirm that analysis. "He was not intimidated by anyone," Dye said. "He was a man."

The 6-foot-4, 284-pound guard has been extraordinary at every level he's played. He earned a starting job on Auburn's offensive line midway through his freshman season and immediately caught the attention of former Dallas Cowboys scout Gil Brandt, who called him "the best young offensive lineman in the country." He earned All-Southeastern Conference status as a sophomore last season and his name has surfaced on many 1990 pre-season All-America lists.

King is being touted by many as the best offensive lineman in college football.

"I think that's pretty close to where he's headed," Dye said. "I think next fall will have a lot to say whether he's there."

All of this is hard for King to believe.

"I came to college wondering if I could play and I end up getting a lot of playing time right away and pretty soon I'm starting," he said. "Then, all of the polls start coming out and calling me one of the top linemen in the nation and I'm feeling like, 'All this after just two years in college?' It's kind of amazing, hard to believe."

Ever humble, King has shown an impressive ability to deal with the attention. Plus, he gets daily doses of humility from Dye and offensive line coach Neil Callaway, who lines up his star blocker every day in practice across from big, talented defensive linemen. Then there are the defensive linemen of the SEC, who hope to build a reputation by beating a player of King's stature.

"He's a very talented guy, a very hard worker and a good player, but he's not Superman," Callaway said. "There are times when he has been whipped. That happens to anybody who plays football, I don't care who you are. He's not perfect."

But King would like to be.

"I want to be the best I can be," he said. "I'm hoping that one day I'll have total respect across the country, that people will say: 'That's Ed King, he's a tenacious blocker. He's very good.' I don't want people to go on hearsay. I'm hoping they can look at my actions and see for themselves that I'm a pretty good player." ■



ALLEN DEAN STEELE/ALLSPORT USA

Ed King has been a starter since midway through his freshman season.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk. GUARDS

Rk.	GUARDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Ed King	6-4/284	Jr.	Auburn
2.	Joe Garten	6-3/280	Sr.	Colorado
3.	Dean Dingman	6-2/292	Sr.	Michigan
4.	Ed Blake	6-4/310	Jr.	Auburn
5.	Tim Ryan	6-4/266	Sr.	Notre Dame
6.	Dale Wolfley	6-2/263	Sr.	West Virginia
7.	Mark Tucker	6-3/265	Sr.	Southern California
8.	Mike Smith	6-3/280	Sr.	Washington State
9.	Gene Williams	6-2/315	Sr.	Iowa State
10.	Eric Moten	6-3/285	Sr.	Michigan State

Comment

Reminiscent of a young John Hannah. The Buffs' man in clutch spots. Rates among the Wolverines' finest. Coach Dye says he's as good as King. His effort far exceeds his recognition. He'll follow two brothers into the NFL. Press clippings outweigh production. Most underrated guard in the nation. Became a force the second half of '89. Another top-notch Spartan lineman.

Rk. CENTERS

Rk.	CENTERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	John Flannery	6-4/300	Sr.	Syracuse
2.	Mike Arthur	6-5/268	Sr.	Texas A&M
3.	Mike Heldt	6-4/267	Sr.	Notre Dame
4.	Dan Beatty	6-4/275	Sr.	Ohio State
5.	Roger Shultz	6-2/260	Sr.	Alabama
6.	Brad Funk	6-3/261	Soph.	Missouri
7.	Curtis Lovelace	6-3/271	Sr.	Illinois
8.	Scot Boatright	6-2/254	Sr.	Oregon
9.	Kurt Jensen	6-3/270	Sr.	New Mexico
10.	Blake Miller	6-2/267	Sr.	Louisiana State

Comment

A first-round draft pick in any year. Has a defensive-type mentality. The leader of the Irish front. Explodes off the snap. Finally played up to billing last season. Could be the best center in a decade. Sometimes has trouble clearing space. An especially tough pass blocker. Became a WAC force a year ago. An agile finesse player.

Rk. TACKLES

Rk.	TACKLES	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Stacy Long	6-2/275	Sr.	Clemson
2.	Mark Vander Poel	6-8/300	Sr.	Colorado
3.	Mike Sullivan	6-4/272	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)
4.	Bob Whitfield	6-7/300	Soph.	Stanford
5.	Antone Davis	6-4/306	Sr.	Tennessee
6.	Greg Skrepnek	6-6/320	Jr.	Michigan
7.	Tom Dohring	6-7/290	Sr.	Michigan
8.	Darryl Jenkins	6-6/288	Sr.	Georgia Tech
9.	Jason Jessup	6-4/265	Sr.	Houston
10.	Mark Hayes	6-7/279	Sr.	Arizona State

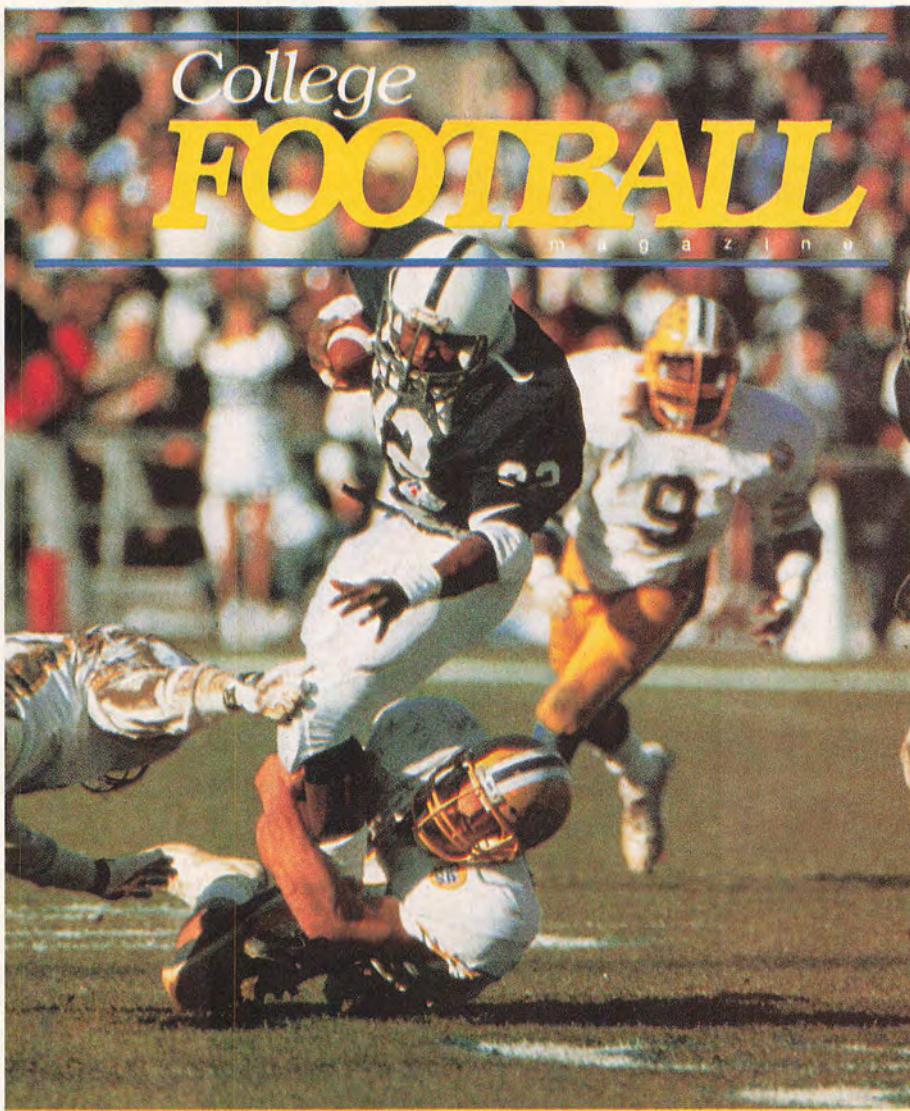
Comment

Will new coach affect development? Must improve his pass blocking. Hurricanes' finest OL in memory. He'll be No. 1 by 1992. Blows away defensive linemen. Underachiever is still better than most. Less talent, but outshines Skrepnek. Began to reach potential in '89. An impressively athletic lineman. His technique must equal physique.

NOTE: Syracuse's Flannery and Miami's Sullivan have expressed interest in petitioning the NFL for inclusion in a supplemental draft.

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ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS

Russell displays speed, not bulk, in tight end role

By CHARLES HOLLIS
Birmingham News

If tight ends are supposed to offer big, beefy targets for the quarterback when they're not trying to move heaven and earth for their comrades in the backfield, Alabama's Lamonde Russell would seem to be better suited to another position.

At 6-foot-1 and 213 pounds, Russell looks terribly out of place when he crouches in a three-point stance next to teammate Terrill Chatman, a 6-4, 301-pound tackle. But that didn't stop him from catching 51 passes for 621 yards and five touchdowns and earning second-team All-America honors as a junior last season.

"I never had any idea I was going to have a season like that," Russell said. "I knew I would have a lot of opportunities, but 51 passes? A lot of wide receivers don't catch that many."

Russell had shown as a sophomore in 1988 that he could catch the football. He had 29 receptions for 404 yards while backing up Howard Cross, an outstanding blocker of typical tight end dimensions (6-6, 246 pounds). Cross' departure opened the door for Russell, who had been given few blocking responsibilities in his reserve role. He still does not stand out in that capacity, although his blocking skills are improving.

"He will surprise you at just how well he can take his man out of the play, which is what blocking is," said Bill Curry, who left Alabama to become Kentucky's coach after last season.

But Crimson Tide fans view him primarily as a receiver, and as such he ranks among the top tight ends in the country.

"I don't recall playing against anyone any tougher for us to cover than Lamonde Russell," Auburn Coach Pat Dye said. "He just has a knack for getting open and making the big play."

Russell's success can be attributed to his speed and strategy. He is unusually fast for a tight end, covering 40 yards in 4.4 seconds. He also follows the advice of former Crimson Tide offensive coordinator Homer Smith, a passing-game guru who returned to UCLA after last season. Smith told Russell that a great receiver must be able to go to the line of scrimmage and (a) hint to the defender that he's going one way, (b) convince him that he's going the other way and (c) vanish from sight. "Hint, convince and vanish—it's all a matter of confusion," Russell said. "And you'd be surprised how often you get open." ■



TOM DIPACE

Lamonde Russell has a knack for getting open and making the big play.

TIGHT ENDS

Rk.	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1. Derek Brown	6-7/243	Jr.	Notre Dame	Future NFL Hall of Fame material.
2. Chris Smith	6-4/230	Sr.	Brigham Young	Cougars' finest tight end ever.
3. Tim Bruton	6-4/245	Sr.	Missouri	He's on a mission to prove his worth.
4. Jeff Ellis	6-4/250	Sr.	Ohio State	Was nation's best prior to knee injury.
5. Lamonde Russell	6-1/213	Sr.	Alabama	Top receiving TE in the game.
6. Lionel Sykes	6-4/250	Sr.	Pittsburgh	Solid player with occasional lapses.
7. Randy Bethel	6-3/242	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Will develop into premier NFL talent.
8. Kerry Cash	6-4/222	Sr.	Texas	Progressed quickly last season.
9. Bruce McGonnigal	6-5/222	Jr.	Virginia	Must improve his blocking skills.
10. Jerry Evans	6-4/248	Sr.	Toledo	Most underrated TE in the nation.
11. Rob Chudzinski	6-4/235	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	A model of consistency.
12. Ryan McReynolds	6-7/248	Sr.	Arizona State	Should shine after weak '89.
13. William Washington	6-2/245	Soph.	Nebraska	Has the tools, but needs tutoring.
14. Joey Mickey	6-7/256	Soph.	Oklahoma	Typical Sooner TE: solid and reliable.
15. Randy Austin	6-3/249	Sr.	UCLA	Made successful switch from LB.
16. Turner Baur	6-5/236	Jr.	Stanford	Not this great yet, but he could be.
17. Todd Harrison	6-4/250	Jr.	North Carolina State	Solid in every department.
18. Kirk Kirkpatrick	6-2/223	Sr.	Florida	Will be key cog in new Gator offense.
19. Reggie Johnson	6-2/242	Sr.	Florida State	Good receiver, but average blocker.
20. Chris Gedney	6-5/236	Soph.	Syracuse	Orange coaches rave over his ability.

Henley finds home away from home as Rice wideout

By KIRK BOHLS
Austin American-Statesman

Eric Henley had grown tired of the physical pounding and the losing. By the time Rice hired Fred Goldsmith in January 1989 to take over a team that had lost 18 consecutive games, Henley had already bought a one-way ticket to Ontario, Calif.

"He was home before I got the job," Goldsmith said. "He wasn't coming back."

As a redshirt freshman in 1988, Henley had managed about as much success as a 5-foot-8, 155-pound running back can have for a team that last posted a winning record in 1963. He rushed for 330 yards (including a 36-yard touchdown run that represented Rice's longest scoring run since 1985) and averaged 127.8 all-purpose yards per game as a runner-receiver-returner.

But, as he pointed out, "I was taking a lot of pounding."

It didn't show on the visage of a person who smiles more than a used-car salesman, but the mental strain from a 0-11 season was too much to bear at times. "I had a feeling we just weren't going to win," Henley said. "I was gone."

Rice dispatched assistant strength coach Jeff Madden to California to woo Henley back. Together, Madden and Goldsmith did. (Ironically, Madden left that spring for a job with Colorado.)

"I called a couple of my buddies (at Rice) ... and they said this guy knows what he's doing," Henley said.

Goldsmith proved as much by moving Henley to wide receiver last season. He took to the change by catching 81 passes for 900 yards, ranking third in Division I-A with 7.36 receptions per game.

"I loved it," Henley said. "I had no idea I'd catch 80 balls. I'm so glad I didn't leave."

Ditto for Goldsmith, although he'd prefer not to rely so much on one man. Rice's next three leading receivers totaled only 68 receptions.

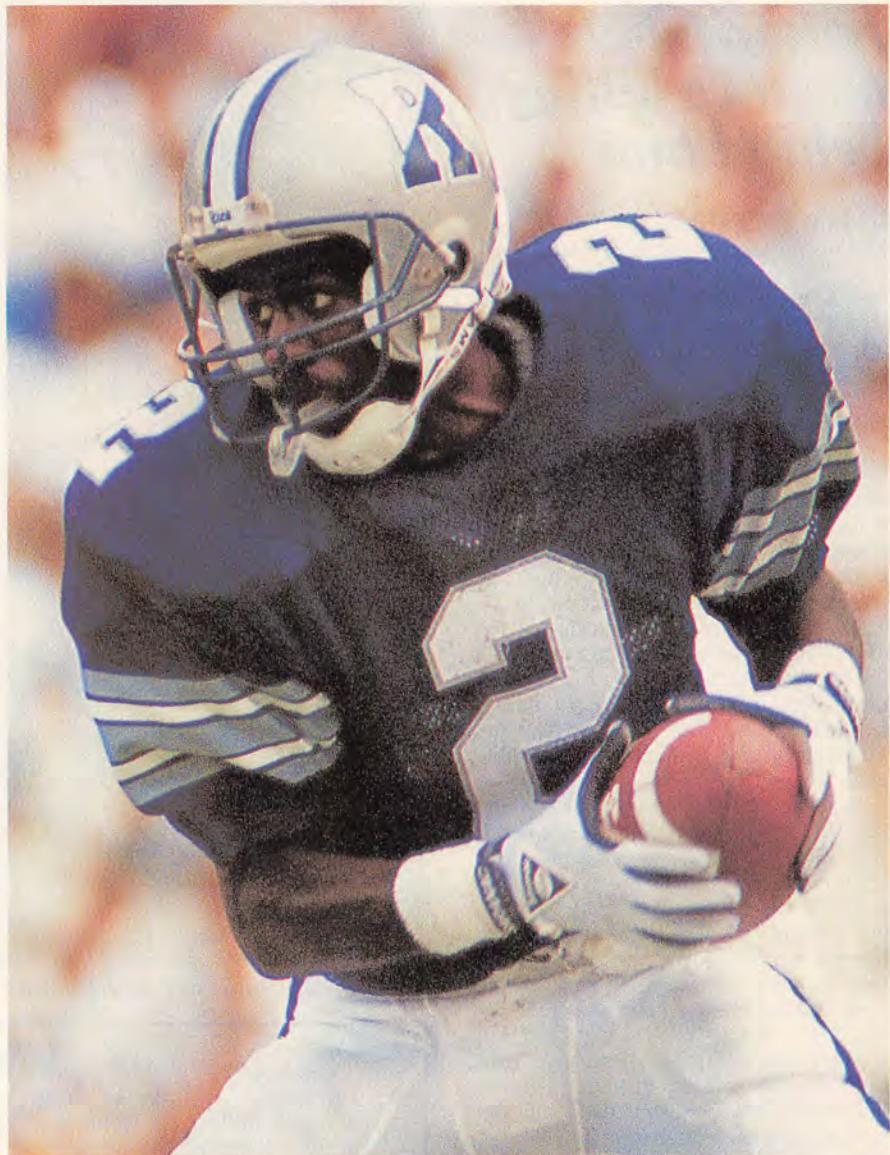
The return of 18 starters could ease Goldsmith's mind—and Henley's burden. Five victories were within reach last season, but Rice suffered two one-point losses and tied once in a 2-8-1 campaign.

"I think we're going to shock some people," Henley predicted. "I think we'll end up in a bowl before I leave, and to do that, we have to be about 7-4. I think that's very possible."

Especially with Henley, who is being compared to former Southwest Conference star Eric Metcalf of Texas. What reminds Goldsmith of Metcalf?

"His size, quickness, number (2) and first name," Goldsmith said. "The same moves? I won't go quite that far. Metcalf made his mark. Eric's starting to make his."

Goldsmith is just glad he's making it at Rice. ■



JAMES D. SMITH

Eric Henley is being compared to former Texas star Eric Metcalf.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Rk.	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1. Herman Moore	6-5/197	Jr.	Virginia	A potential first-round draft choice.
2. Reggie Barrett	6-4/200	Sr.	Texas-El Paso	A vastly underrated player.
3. Courtney Hawkins	5-9/181	Jr.	Michigan State	The Spartans' lethal weapon.
4. Jeff Graham	6-2/195	Sr.	Ohio State	Clutch player who rarely goes up.
5. Lawrence Dawsey	6-1/195	Sr.	Florida State	Nation's best big-play receiver.
6. Manny Hazard	5-9/172	Sr.	Houston	He always finds a way to get open.
7. Curtis Mayfield	6-0/172	Sr.	Oklahoma State	Will key the Cowboys' attack.
8. Ed McCaffrey	6-6/220	Sr.	Stanford	Great combination of size and hands.
9. Rob Carpenter	6-2/188	Jr.	Syracuse	Another superb Orange wide receiver.
10. Richard Buchanan	5-11/176	Sr.	Northwestern	All he does is produce consistently.
11. Arthur Marshall	5-11/170	Jr.	Georgia	Bulldog offense deflates his numbers.
12. Eric Henley	5-8/155	Jr.	Rice	If the Owls need 10 yards, he gets 11.
13. Johnny Walker	6-0/179	Sr.	Texas	Showed vast improvement last season.
14. Michael Smith	5-10/160	Jr.	Kansas State	Wildcats' best deep threat in ages.
15. Linzy Collins	6-2/185	Sr.	Missouri	His fine ability is still developing.
16. Shawn Wax	6-4/180	Sr.	Illinois	His size gives DBs nightmares.
17. Alvin Harper	6-3/204	Sr.	Tennessee	Production doesn't equal his potential.
18. Olanda Truitt	6-1/190	Soph.	Pittsburgh	He'll be a top-notch deep threat.
19. Brian Treggs	5-10/170	Jr.	California	Does more than just catch balls.
20. Brian Williams	5-10/160	Sr.	Houston	Another Cougar who eludes defenders.

NOTE: Syracuse senior Rob Moore was omitted because he has said he will petition the NFL for inclusion in a supplemental draft.



ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS

Baldwin puts advance billing behind him

By MIKE FLEMING
Memphis Commercial Appeal

Randy Baldwin had read it in the newspapers and seen it on TV long before he had carried a football for Ole Miss:

"Could be the best running back Ole Miss has ever had."

The message was delivered by Rebels Coach Billy Brewer sometime before the 1989 season. Naturally, the media snapped it up. And almost predictably, the newcomer from Holmes Junior College in Goodman, Miss., looked like something less than that as the season unfolded.

Oh, Baldwin scored touchdowns in each of his first three games and ran for 95 yards in week three against Arkansas State. But in Ole Miss' fourth game, against Arkansas, he was benched for missing blocking assignments on Razorback blitzes.

Baldwin, who is quiet by nature, didn't have to open up for running backs coach Jody Allen to know he was shaken.

"You could see it in his eyes," Allen said. "He was hurt. He didn't say anything but I could tell what he was thinking: 'Here I am, the guy supposed to be the best to ever play running back at Ole Miss, and in a crucial game, they took me out.'"

Allen took advantage of an open date the following Saturday to talk "heart to heart" with his unpolished diamond. The next week against Alabama, Baldwin ran for 61 yards on eight carries, scored a touchdown and, most important, carried out every one of his assignments.

The improvement continued. Baldwin became the Rebels' first 600-yard runner (642 yards) since 1982 and led the Southeastern Conference with six yards per carry.

Now, entering his second season in NCAA Division I-A, Baldwin again is billed as one of the top runners in the SEC and one of the most dangerous all-purpose backs in the nation. He's also better prepared to handle the notoriety.

"I had to go through a big adjustment last year," he said. "But that's last year. All I'm looking at is this year. In this game, you've got to prove yourself all over again."

Baldwin, who covers 40 yards in 4.2 seconds, already is pumping up the offensive line, the lifeblood of every running back. "I told them last year that if they could get me five yards, I'd turn it into 10," he said. "I've been telling them the same thing." ■



GREG JENSON/CLARION-LEDGER

Randy Baldwin is one of the nation's most dangerous all-purpose backs.

SPECIALISTS

Rk.	ALL-PURPOSE	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Raghib Ismail (WR)	5-10/175	Jr.	Notre Dame	Most lethal weapon in the country.
2.	Chuck Weatherspoon (RB)	5-7/210	Sr.	Houston	Simply the finest RB in the game.
3.	Carl Pickens (WR/S)	6-2/201	Soph.	Tennessee	Two-way player also returns kicks.
4.	Glyn Milburn (RB)	5-9/170	Soph.	Stanford	Gives the Cardinal a legitimate threat.
5.	Wesley Carroll (WR)	6-1/185	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Vital cog in 'Canes' offensive machine.
6.	Kelvin Means (WR)	6-0/175	Jr.	Fresno State	Could emerge as best in the West.
7.	Randy Baldwin (RB)	6-0/210	Jr.	Mississippi	As he goes, so go the Rebels.
8.	Robert Brooks (WR)	6-1/180	Jr.	South Carolina	Excellent kick returner. Good hands.
9.	Corey Harris (RB)	6-1/189	Jr.	Vanderbilt	Key to Vandy's offensive scheme.
10.	Sheldon Canley (RB)	5-9/193	Sr.	San Jose State	Spartans' one-man attack.
11.	O.J. McDuffie (WR)	5-11/186	Jr.	Penn State	Always a threat to score.
12.	Ricky Watters (RB/WR)	6-2/205	Sr.	Notre Dame	Still looking for a permanent position.
13.	Willie Mack Garza (CB)	5-9/173	Soph.	Texas	Great defender and kick returner.
14.	Matt Bellini (RB)	6-0/205	Sr.	Brigham Young	BYU's second-most important player.
15.	Terrell Buckley (CB)	5-10/175	Soph.	Florida State	Will be a premier talent.

Rk.	KICKERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Jason Hanson (K/P)	6-0/175	Jr.	Washington State	21 of 27 FGA, 99 points.
2.	Chris Gardocki (K/P)	6-2/193	Jr.	Clemson	20 of 26 FGA, 42.7-yd. punting avg.
3.	Robbie Keen (K/P)	6-4/220	Sr.	California	9 of 16 FGA, 43.5-yd. punting avg.
4.	Tom Rouen (P)	6-3/215	Sr.	Colorado	45.9-yd. punting avg.
5.	Josh Butland (P)	6-5/245	Jr.	Michigan State	43.1-yd. punting avg.
6.	Carlos Huerta (K)	5-9/175	Jr.	Miami (Fla.)	18 of 22 FGA, 101 points.
7.	Cary Blanchard (K/P)	6-1/200	Sr.	Oklahoma State	20 of 26 FGA, 40-yd. punting avg.
8.	John Langeloh (K)	6-2/180	Sr.	Michigan State	10 of 13 FGA, 71 points.
9.	Jason Elam (K)	5-11/185	Jr.	Hawaii	20 of 22 FGA, 106 points.
10.	Philip Doyle (K)	6-2/190	Sr.	Alabama	22 of 25 FGA, 100 points.
11.	Jeff Shudak (K)	5-10/180	Sr.	Iowa State	7 of 10 FGA, 50 points.
12.	John Kasay (K)	5-10/165	Sr.	Georgia	19 of 24 FGA, 79 points.
13.	John Ivancic (K)	5-9/160	Sr.	Northern Illinois	7 of 11 FGA, 58 points
14.	Todd Wright (K)	5-11/170	Soph.	Arkansas	20 of 23 FGA, 98 points.
15.	Phil Nevin (K/P)	6-0/165	Soph.	Cal State Fullerton	15 of 21 FGA, 39.1-yd. punting avg.

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Yes, Virginia, you must beat Clemson to win ACC

By DOUG DOUGHTY
Roanoke Times & World-News

Ken Hatfield, who exchanged vows with Clemson on January 21, only three days after the Tigers' messy divorce from popular coach Danny Ford, never even had time for a reception.

If Hatfield wants to endear himself to Tiger fans and his new football family, there will be no better opportunity than the Tigers' September 8 visit to Charlottesville, where they will meet Atlantic Coast Conference 1989 co-champion Virginia.

The Cavaliers have not beaten Clemson in the 29-year history of the series, but they are coming off their finest season in school history and would like nothing better than to put that streak to an end.

"We're going to make a big deal about it, too," said Hatfield, whose Tigers open with Long Beach State and its new coach, septuagenarian George Allen. "It's just as big a game for us as it is for them."

Despite finishing 10-2 for the third straight year, the Tigers were deprived of an unprecedented fourth straight ACC title when they fell to both Duke and Georgia Tech.

Duke and Virginia finished in a tie for first, but there is little question that Clemson enters the 1990 season as the favorite, despite the loss of quarterback Chris Morocco and tailbacks Terry Allen and Joe Henderson.

"It's hard to believe Clemson would ever be caught short of running backs," Georgia Tech Coach Bobby Ross observed, "and we've seen (quarterback) DeChane Cameron. He threw for 195 yards against us. He can play."

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. CLEMSON

The Tigers, who dominated the ACC in the '80s, usher in the '90s as the league's elite team.

2. VIRGINIA

The Cavs have become a force thanks to last year's success on the field and recruiting trail.

3. GEORGIA TECH

If their young offensive backs and receivers live up to billing, the Yellow Jackets will contend.

4. NORTH CAROLINA STATE

No matter who suits up for the Wolfpack, Dick Sheridan has them playing his way—and well.

5. DUKE

The Blue Devils boast a tremendous set of passers, but questions abound elsewhere.

6. NORTH CAROLINA

The once-proud Tar Heel program is searching for an identity. The first step is winning.

7. MARYLAND

The football program is just part of an overall mess in the Terrapins' athletic department.

8. WAKE FOREST

The Demon Deacons lack depth and speed, but they're capable of surprising some teams.



Clemson's defense stands to be even better in 1990 with a healthy Ed McDaniel at linebacker.

Georgia Tech, which won seven of its last eight games, was just one of several ACC teams that finished with a rush. Duke won its last seven regular-season games and Virginia its last six.

On the other end of the scale was North Carolina State, which opened the season 6-0 before losing five of its last six, including a 17-10 setback against Arizona in the inaugural Copper Bowl.

For only the second time in conference history, four teams participated in post-season play and five teams posted seven wins or more.

After Duke's first trip to a bowl game since 1961, Coach Steve Spurrier moved on to Florida, his alma mater. He was succeeded by assistant Barry Wilson, who arrived under far calmer conditions than Hatfield.

"I don't know the exact point when (the players) accepted me," said Hatfield, who coached Arkansas to a 55-17-1 record over the last six seasons. "It may take a whole year, for all I know. But we all want the same thing. They can trust in that."

CLEMSON

Coach: Ken Hatfield (first year at Clemson; 82-48-2 overall, 11 years).

1989 record: 10-2 (beat West Virginia in Gator Bowl). ACC: 5-2/3rd.

Key losses: Gary Cooper, WR; Rodney Fletcher, WR; James Lott, S; Wesley McFadden, FB; Otis

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

Moore, DT; Chris Morocco, QB; Vince Taylor, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Rodney Blunt, TB, 5-10/199, Fr.; *Bruce Bratton, T, 6-4/274, Jr.; Mike Brown, C, 6-2/258, Jr.; DeChane Cameron, QB, 6-0/191, Jr.; *Stacy Fields, TE, 6-3/233, Sr.; *Jeb Flesch, G, 6-3/266, Jr.; *Eric Harmon, G, 6-1/282, Sr.; Tony Kennedy, FB, 6-1/230, Jr.; *Stacy Long, T, 6-2/275, Sr.; Robbie Spector, WR, 5-11/179, Sr.; Doug Thomas, FL, 5-10/181, Sr. **Defense:** *Rob Bodine, MG, 6-1/245, Jr.; *Doug Brewster, ILB, 6-1/205, Sr.; *Dexter Davis, CB, 5-9/175, Jr.; *Vance Hammond, T, 6-7/295, Sr.; *Jerome Henderson, CB, 5-11/187, Sr.; *John Johnson, OLB, 6-3/217, Sr.; *Levon Kirkland, OLB, 6-2/230, Jr.; Ed McDaniel, ILB, 5-11/227, Jr.; Chester McGlockton, T, 6-5/296, Soph.; *Arlington Nunn, S, 5-10/190, Sr.; Robert O'Neal, S, 6-2/185, Soph.

Other key players: Chris Gardocki, K/P, Jr.; Eric Geter, CB, Soph.; Tyrone Gibson, LB, Soph.; Les Hall, OT, Soph.; Rudy Harris, TB, Fr. (RS); Reggie Lawrence, TB, Sr.; Richard Moncrief, QB, Fr.; Tyron Mouzon, S, Jr.; Al Richard, DT, Soph.; Ashley Shepard, LB, Soph.; Wayne Simmons, LB, Soph.; Tyrone Simpson, DT, Soph.; Terry Smith, WR, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: Long Beach State, Sept. 1; at Virginia, Sept. 8; at Maryland, Sept. 15; Appalachian State, Sept. 22; Duke, Sept. 29; Georgia, Oct. 6; at Georgia Tech, Oct. 13; at N.C. State, Oct. 20; at Wake Forest, Oct. 27; North Carolina, Nov. 3; South Carolina, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Clemson, S.C.

The new look at Clemson will be confined to the sideline.

Ford, who enjoyed a highly successful 11-year run, had some philosophical differences with Clemson administrators, and the announcement of an NCAA investigation did little to help his case. He resigned January 18 under pressure and Hatfield walked into a volatile situation.

Hatfield's early priority was to soothe the feelings of his troops, who threatened a player boycott in support of Ford. With that crisis now in the background, Hatfield and the Tigers appear poised to continue the success that has produced four consecutive bowl victories.

However much the Bible-toting Hatfield and the tobacco-chewing Ford might differ off the field, their teams have both featured attacking defenses and ball-control offenses.

"I'd say they're (Clemson and Arkansas) as similar as any two teams in America," Hatfield said. "I think one reason for the similarity is the fact Jack Crowe (who was promoted to head coach at Arkansas) had been at Clemson before joining us."

The 1989 Tigers finished first in the ACC in rushing defense, total defense and scoring defense. The 1990 Tigers have the potential to be even better, despite the loss of tackle Otis Moore, linebacker Vince Taylor and free safety James Lott.

Moore will be replaced by Chester McGlockton, who as a reserve last season tied for the ACC lead with seven sacks. Taylor will be replaced by Ed McDaniel, a former starter who missed most of last season with a neck problem. And Robert O'Neal, who had an ACC-high and school-record eight interceptions as a freshman,

moves in for Lott.

They won't be lacking for defensive support.

Doug Brewster, John Johnson and Levon Kirkland join McDaniel in one of the deepest linebacking units in the country. Vance Hammond, Al Richard and Tyrone Simpson join McGlockton on a deep and talented front line. And O'Neal will be surrounded by such performers as cornerbacks Dexter Davis and Jerome Henderson and safety Arlington Nunn.

The strength of Clemson's offense will be a line featuring tackles Stacy Long and Bruce Bratton, guards Jeb Flesch and Eric Harmon and center Mike Brown. The big questions will be at the skill positions.

Clemson's top returning quarterback passed for 435 yards, the top returning runner rushed for 184 and the top returning wide receiver had eight receptions.

Cameron is the likely starter at quarterback, with redshirt freshman Rodney Blunt the front-runner at running back after Reggie Lawrence missed most of the spring with an injury.

One of the Tigers' top weapons—both offensively and defensively—is junior Chris Gardocki, one of the top punters and place-kickers in the country. Gardocki connected on 22 of 29 field-goal attempts in 1989 and averaged 42.9 yards per punt.

VIRGINIA

Coach: George Welsh (50-40-2, 8 years; 105-86-3 overall, 17 years).

1989 record: 10-3 (lost to Illinois in Florida Citrus Bowl). ACC: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Roy Brown, OG; Tim Finkelston, WR; Durwin Greggs, FB; Billy Keys, DT; Tim Morris, C; Tim O'Connor, OT; Ray Savage, DE; Phil Thomas, LB; Elton Toliver, LB; Marcus Wilson, TB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Chris Borsari, G, 6-5/265, Sr.; Paul Collins, T, 6-5/274, Sr.; Derek Dooley, WR, 6-1/183, Sr.; Terry Kirby, TB, 6-3/210, Soph.; *Bruce McGonnigal, TE, 6-5/222, Jr.; *Herman Moore, WR, 6-5/197, Jr.; *Shawn Moore, QB, 6-2/210, Sr.; *Ray Roberts, T, 6-6/294, Jr.; *Trevor Ryals, C, 6-4/256, Sr. (switched from G); Tim Samec, G, 6-3/252, Soph.; Gary Steele, FB, 6-2/218, Soph. **Defense:** *Ron Carey, NG, 6-3/261, Sr.; *Tony Covington, CB, 6-0/185, Sr.; *Joe Hall, T, 6-2/266, Sr.; Yusuf Jackson, LB, 6-1/208, Soph.; *Tyrone Lewis, S, 5-10/190, Jr.; *Keith McMeans, S, 5-11/182, Sr.; James Pearson, E, 6-2/238, Soph.; Carlos Shippy, LB, 6-3/222, Soph.; *Chris Slade, E, 6-5/212, Soph.; Chris Stearns, T, 6-6/270, Sr.; *Jason Wallace, CB, 5-11/164, Sr.

Other key players: Matt Blundin, QB, Jr.; David Brown, S, Soph.; Geoff Carey, OG, Soph.; Nikki Fisher, TB, Jr.; Brendan Kilfeather, LB, Fr.; Myron Martin, P, Sr.; Aaron Mundy, TE, Fr.; Jake McInerney, K, Sr.; Don Reynolds, DE, Jr. (missed 8 games/ankle); Eugene Rodgers, LB, Jr. (JC); Brian Satola, WR, Jr.; Jeff Tomlin, OG, Soph.; Terry Tomlin, WR, Soph.

Schedule: At Kansas, Sept. 1; Clemson, Sept. 8; Navy, Sept. 15; at Duke, Sept. 22; William & Mary, Sept. 29; N.C. State, Oct. 13; at Wake Forest, Oct. 20; Georgia Tech, Nov. 3; at North Carolina, Nov. 10; Maryland, Nov. 17; at Virginia Tech, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Cavaliers.

Site: Charlottesville, Va.

Virginia could do a lot worse than duplicate its 1989 season, which included a school-record 10 wins, a share of the Cavaliers' first ACC championship and an ap-

pearance in the Florida Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day.

"I think you have to sustain it, which might be harder than getting there in the first place," said Coach George Welsh, who has directed Virginia to six winning seasons in the last seven years. "We haven't sustained this level."

The schedule will not include the likes of Notre Dame, Virginia's opponent in the 1989 season-opening Kickoff Classic, but the Cavaliers will have to do without the services of 1,098-yard rusher Marcus Wilson, talented offensive guard Roy Brown and defensive bulwarks Ray Savage and Phil Thomas.

Welsh, however, can take comfort in the return of senior Shawn Moore, who finished fourth in passing efficiency in NCAA Division I-A last season. Moore, the only I-A quarterback to pass for more than 2,000 yards and rush for more than 500 last season, set an ACC record for touchdown responsibility with 27 (18 passing, nine rushing).

With the surprise loss of Wilson, who passed up his final season of eligibility to make himself available for the National Football League draft, the Cavaliers will turn to sophomore Terry Kirby, who was a highly publicized prep recruit two years ago.



Defensive end Chris Slade is potentially the best pass rusher in Virginia history.

The receiving corps will be led by junior wide receiver Herman Moore, who set a school record in 1989 with 10 touchdown receptions, and All-ACC tight end Bruce McGonnigal, who had 42 receptions as a junior. The other wide spot could be filled by Derek Dooley, son of former Georgia coach Vince Dooley.

The Cavaliers lost several starters from their offensive line, but Welsh has excellent building blocks in tackle Ray Roberts and center Trevor Ryals, who will move over a spot from his guard position.

Virginia should be respectable defensively, although there are several question marks.

The biggest problem will be finding replacements for both inside linebackers and Savage. The line looks solid, however, with the return of noseguard Ron Carey, tackle Joe Hall and end Chris Slade, potentially the best pass rusher in Virginia history.

All four starters—safeties Tyrone Lewis and Keith McMeans and corners Jason Wallace and Tony Covington—return to the secondary, but Welsh will be looking for improvement on the 192.4 passing yards per game they yielded last season.

"I'd like to have the kind of defensive team that can take over a game," Welsh said. "We still haven't had that here yet."

Jake McInerney returns to handle place-kicking duties after connecting on 16 of 20 field-goal attempts in 1989.

GEORGIA TECH

Coach: Bobby Ross (12-21, 3 years; 75-67-1 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 7-4. ACC: 4-3/T4th.

Key losses: Willie Burks, DT; Jessie Marion, OT; Jeff Mathis, NG; Jerry Mays, RB; Kevin Salisbury, LB; Sean Smith, DT; Eric Thomas, LB; Kenneth Wilson, CB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Billy Chubbs, C, 6-2/256, Jr.; *Tom Covington, TE, 6-4/238, Jr.; T.J. Edwards, RB, 5-9/193, Sr.; *Darryl Jenkins, T, 6-6/288, Sr.; *Shawn Jones, QB, 6-1/214, Soph.; *Jim Lavin, G, 6-5/280, Sr.; *Emmett Merchant, S, 6-0/183, Jr.; Mike Mooney, T, 6-7/344, Jr.; Bobby Rodriguez, FL, 6-0/174, Soph.; *Stefen Scotton, FB, 6-1/225, Sr.; *Joe Siffri, G, 6-5/280, Sr. **Defense:** *Thomas Balkcom, S, 6-2/207, Sr.; Kevin Battle, NG, 6-6/319, Soph.; *Willie Clay, CB, 5-11/187, Jr.; *Marco Coleman, OLB, 6-4/245, Soph.; Keith Holmes, CB, 5-11/192, Sr.; Jeremiah McClary, T, 6-3/279, Sr.; Coleman Rudolph, T, 6-4/248, Soph.; *Ken Swilling, S, 6-3/238, Jr.; Calvin Tiggle, ILB, 6-2/237, Sr.; *Jerrale Williams, ILB, 6-0/231, Jr.; Marlon Williams, OLB, 6-3/200, Fr. (RS).

Other key players: Scott Aldredge, P, Sr.; Bryan Baxter, NG, Fr. (RS); William Bell, RB, Soph.; Marcus Coleman, CB, Fr. (RS); Jim Gallagher, DT, Jr.; Jeff Howard, QB, Soph.; Tom Johnson, LB, Fr. (RS); Richard Kimsey, NG, Fr. (RS); Greg Lester, FL, Jr. (RS); Jay Martin, S, Sr.; Terry Pettis, SE, Sr.; Scott Sisson, K, Soph.; David Stegall, SE, Jr.; Rich Strohmeier, LB, Fr. (RS); Darrell Swilling, LB, Jr.; Keenan Walker, FL, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: N.C. State, Sept. 8; UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 22; South Carolina, Sept. 29; at Maryland, Oct. 6; Clemson, Oct. 13; at North Carolina, Oct. 20; Duke, Oct. 27; at Virginia, Nov. 3; Virginia Tech, Nov. 10; at Wake Forest, Nov. 17; at Georgia, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Yellow Jackets.

Site: Atlanta.

Continued

**OFFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Shawn Moore
Virginia QB**DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Levon Kirkland
Clemson LB**OFFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Rodney Blunt
Clemson RB**DEFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Eugene Rodgers
Virginia LB**TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-ATLANTIC COAST TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	BARRY JOHNSON, Maryland	6-3/201	Sr.
WR	HERMAN MOORE, Virginia	6-5/197	Jr.
TE	BRUCE McGONNIGAL, Virginia	6-5/222	Jr.
T	RAY ROBERTS, Virginia	6-6/294	Jr.
T	STACY LONG, Clemson	6-2/275	Sr.
C	TREVOR RYALS, Virginia	6-4/256	Sr.
G	ERIC HARMON, Clemson	6-1/282	Sr.
G	JOE SIFFRI, Georgia Tech	6-5/280	Sr.
QB	SHAWN MOORE, Virginia	6-2/210	Sr.
RB	RANDY CUTHBERT, Duke	6-3/220	Jr.
RB	*T.J. EDWARDS, Georgia Tech	5-9/193	Sr.
RB	TERRY KIRBY, Virginia	6-3/210	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MIKE SMITH, Wake Forest	6-1/278	Sr.
DL	KARL EDWARDS, Maryland	6-4/225	Sr.
DL	MARVIN MITCHELL, Wake Forest	6-6/295	Sr.
DL	CHRIS SLADE, Virginia	6-5/212	Soph.
DL	LARRY WEBSTER, Maryland	6-5/271	Jr.
ILB	DOUG BREWSTER, Clemson	6-1/205	Sr.
ILB	ED McDANIEL, Clemson	5-11/227	Jr.
OLB	JOHN JOHNSON, Clemson	6-3/217	Sr.
OLB	LEVON KIRKLAND, Clemson	6-2/230	Jr.
CB	DEXTER DAVIS, Clemson	5-9/175	Jr.
CB	JOE JOHNSON, North Carolina State	5-9/178	Sr.
S	JESSE CAMPBELL, North Carolina State	6-3/210	Jr.
S	KEN SWILLING, Georgia Tech	6-3/235	Jr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	DAMON HARTMAN, North Carolina State	6-1/197	Jr.
P	CHRIS GAROCKI, Clemson	6-2/193	Jr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	STEVE BROWN, Wake Forest	6-2/190	Sr.
WR	RANDALL FELTON, North Carolina	6-0/191	Soph.
TE	TODD HARRISON, North Carolina State	6-4/250	Jr.
T	DARRYL JENKINS, Georgia Tech	6-6/288	Sr.
T	CLARENCE JONES, Maryland	6-6/270	Sr.
C	MIKE BROWN, Clemson	6-2/258	Jr.
G	JEB FLESCH, Clemson	6-3/266	Jr.
G	RICH POKRANT, North Carolina State	6-4/261	Sr.
QB	BILLY RAY, Duke	6-3/205	Sr.
RB	RODNEY BLUNT, Clemson	5-10/199	Fr.
FB	STEFEN SCOTTON, Georgia Tech	6-1/225	Sr.
RB	*ANTHONY WILLIAMS, Wake Forest	5-10/190	Jr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	RICK FLEECE, Maryland	6-3/254	Sr.
DL	PRESTON ANDERSON, Duke	6-4/260	Sr.
DL	VANCE HAMMOND, Clemson	6-7/295	Sr.
DL	AL RICHARD, Clemson	6-3/270	Soph.
DL	TYRONE SIMPSON, Clemson	6-3/270	Soph.
ILB	DWIGHT HOLLIER, North Carolina	6-2/234	Jr.
ILB	JERRELLE WILLIAMS, Georgia Tech	6-0/231	Jr.
OLB	MARCO COLEMAN, Georgia Tech	6-4/245	Soph.
OLB	MARK THOMAS, North Carolina State	6-5/227	Jr.
CB	WILLIE CLAY, Georgia Tech	5-11/187	Jr.
CB	WYATT SMITH, Duke	5-10/170	Jr.
S	ROBERT O'NEAL, Clemson	6-2/185	Soph.
S	LAMONT SCALES, Wake Forest	6-2/194	Soph.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JAKE MCINERNEY, Virginia	6-1/197	Sr.
P	SCOTT McALISTER, North Carolina	6-2/215	Jr.

Seemingly comfortable in its role of ACC doormat, Georgia Tech turned its fortunes around last season, winning seven of its last eight games and establishing itself as a rising force.

The Yellow Jackets had lost 16 straight ACC games—two short of the conference record—before winning three in a row, including a stunning 30-14 victory at Clemson.

The biggest reason for the turnaround was quarterback Shawn Jones, who also happens to be the reason for continued optimism. Jones, a redshirt freshman last year, accounted for 2,078 yards in total offense.

"This is a guy whom we can build our program around," Coach Bobby Ross said. "He's an exceptional talent who gives us a lot of versatility on offense."

This will be the first time in Ross' four seasons at Georgia Tech that he has enjoyed the luxury of a returning starter at quarterback. But the Yellow Jackets will have to replace All-ACC tailback Jerry Mays, who rushed for a conference-high 1,349 yards and caught 37 passes.

Senior T.J. Edwards, the heir apparent, injured an ankle in the spring, allowing sophomore William Bell to enter the picture. Senior Stefen Scotton is a proven fullback.

There is no dearth of talent on Georgia Tech's offensive line with the return of tackle Darryl Jenkins, center Billy Chubbs and guards Joe Siffri and Jim Lavin. The other tackle position is wide open for massive junior Mike Mooney,

who at 6-foot-7 and 344 pounds ranks as the largest player in the ACC.

The 1989 Yellow Jackets finished third in the ACC in total defense and second in scoring defense. They have a franchise player in All-ACC free safety Ken Swilling.

"My personal feeling is, if there's a better defensive back in the country, you'll have to show me," Ross said.

The Yellow Jackets also expect big things from another sophomore, Marco Coleman, and his junior linebacking partner Jerrelle Williams. Talented cornerback Willie Clay and safety Thomas Balkcom will join Swilling in an excellent secondary.

The only problem on defense is a graduation-depleted front line.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Dick Sheridan (27-18-2, 4 years; 96-41-4 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 7-5 (lost to Arizona in Copper Bowl). ACC: 4-3/T4th.

Key losses: Ray Agnew, DT; Barry Anderson, CB; Bryan Carter, K; Derick Debnam, DT; Lance Hammond, TE; Bobby Houston, LB; Kent Jordan, C; Mike Kavulic, SE; Shane Montgomery, QB; Todd Varn, FB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Scott Adell, T, 6-4/279, Jr.; Al Byrd, SE, 6-0/202, Sr.; Charlie Cobb, C, 6-5/265, Sr.; *Chris Corders, WR, 6-0/200, Sr.; Charles Davenport, QB, 6-4/208, Jr. (RS); Mike Gee, T, 6-5/265, Soph.; *Todd Harrison, TE, 6-4/250, Jr.; *Clyde Hawley, G, 6-2/282, Jr.; Dan Hayden, FB, 6-0/225, Jr.; *Rich Pokrant, G, 6-4/261, Sr.; Chris Williams, TB, 5-10/186, Sr. **Defense:** Elijah Austin, NG, 6-2/260, Sr.; Lennard Bartlett, T, 6-1/291, Soph.; *Jesse Campbell, S, 6-

3/210, Jr.; Corey Edmond, OLB, 6-1/230, Sr.; *Billy Ray Haynes, ILB, 5-11/215, Jr.; *Joe Johnson, CB, 5-9/178, Sr.; Mike Jones, T, 6-3/263, Sr.; *Lee Knight, ILB, 6-2/226, Jr.; Marc Latta, CB, 5-10/182, Jr.; *Mark Thomas, OLB, 6-5/227, Jr.; *Fernandus Vinson, S, 6-0/193, Sr.

Other key players: John Akins, DT, Fr. (RS); *Anthony Barbour, TB, Jr.; David Bollinger, DT, Jr.; Ray Frost, LB, Jr. (RS); Damon Hartman, K, Jr.; Clayton Henry, LB, Jr. (RS); Tyrone Jackson, TB, Jr.; Terry Jordan, QB, Soph.; Reggie Lawrence, SE, Soph.; *Ricky Logo, NG, Soph.; Greg Manior, FB, Soph.; Andreas O'Neal, LB, Soph.; Preston Poag, P, Sr.; Aubrey Shaw, TB, Soph.

Schedule: Western Carolina, Sept. 1; at Georgia Tech, Sept. 8; Wake Forest, Sept. 15; at Maryland, Sept. 22; at North Carolina, Sept. 29; Appalachian State, Oct. 6; at Virginia, Oct. 13; Clemson, Oct. 20; South Carolina, Oct. 27; at Virginia Tech, Nov. 3; Duke, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Wolfpack.

Site: Raleigh, N.C.

Despite its late-season skid, North Carolina State was not a bad team by the end of the 1989 campaign.

In its 17-10 loss to Arizona in the Copper Bowl, the Wolfpack had 23 first downs to Arizona's eight, outgained the Wildcats, 310-130 yards, and controlled the ball for more than 38 minutes.

The numbers were similar in three of the Wolfpack's other four losses, leading one to believe N.C. State was either unlucky or mistake-prone—or both.

With quarterback Shane Montgomery throwing for an ACC-high 2,632 yards and completing 54.9 percent of his passes last season, the Wolfpack deviated from the balanced attack that Coach Dick Sheridan has favored over the years. Look for N.C.

State to be more balanced in 1990 with the departure of Montgomery, who owns every important Wolfpack single-game, season and career passing record.

Charles Davenport, more of an option threat, shared time with Montgomery and actually started four games in 1988 before electing to redshirt in 1989. Davenport and sophomore Terry Jordan battled for the No. 1 job in the spring.

The Wolfpack welcomes back three of its top four rushers from 1989. Tailbacks Anthony Barbour, Tyrone Jackson and Aubrey Shaw combined to rush for 1,018 yards, but none provides a serious break-away threat. Senior Chris Williams could take over the starting job. The runners will work behind a line featuring tackle Scott Adell and guards Clyde Hawley and Rich Pokrant.

Tight end Todd Harrison and wideout Chris Corders return for blocking and pass-catching duties.

The Wolfpack's strength again will be defense. It finished second in the conference in total defense last year and was the best at stopping the pass, thanks to an outstanding secondary that returns cornerback Joe Johnson and safeties Jesse Campbell and Fernandus Vinson.

The most glaring holes appear to be on the line with the loss of tackles Ray Agnew and Derick Debnam. Mike Jones and Elijah Austin, a noseguard, should provide a nice foundation for the front wall and Mark Thomas will be the heart of N.C. State's linebacking corps.

The return of kicker Damon Hartman should enable the Wolfpack to post some points from long range.

DUKE

Coach: Barry Wilson (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 8-4 (lost to Texas Tech in All American Bowl). ACC: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Anthony Allen, DT; Dave Colonna, TE; Rodney Dickerson, LB; George Edwards, LB; Clarkston Hines, WR; John Howell, LB; Doug Kley, DT; John MacDonald, DE; Carey Metts, C; Chris Port, OT; Brett Tulacro, OG.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Stuart Albright, C, 6-2/255, Sr.; *Chris Brown, FB, 6-1/225, Jr.; *Darryl Clements, WR, 5-10/170, Sr.; *Randy Cuthbert, TB, 6-3/220, Jr.; Bobby Highsmith, G, 6-5/265, Sr.; Marc Mays, WR, 6-1/175, Sr.; Brandon Moore, T, 6-7/275, Jr.; *Chip Nitowski, T, 6-5/275, Sr.; *Pete Petroff, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Billy Ray, QB, 6-3/205, Sr.; Aaron Shaw, TE, 6-3/220, Jr. **Defense:** Mark Allen, ILB, 6-1/225, Jr.; Preston Anderson, T, 6-4/260, Sr.; *Tom Corpus, E, 6-5/250, Sr.; *Derrick Jackson, S, 6-3/190, Jr.; *Quinton McCracken, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.; *Erwin Sampson, S, 5-11/170, Sr.; Warren Scoville, T, 6-5/245, Soph.; Brad Sherrod, OLB, 6-3/210, Soph.; *Wyatt Smith, CB, 5-10/170, Jr.; Darrell Spells, ILB, 6-1/210, Soph.; Scott Youmans, NG, 5-11/250, Soph.

Other key players: Dave Brown, QB, Jr.; Dan Clark, TE, Soph.; *Tom Corpus, LB, Sr. (switched from DT); Kedrick Eily, DT, Sr.; Keith Ewell, WR, Sr.; Randy Gardner, K/P, Soph.; Randy Jones, TB, Sr.; Walter Jones, WR, Jr.

Schedule: At South Carolina, Sept. 1; at Northwestern, Sept. 15; Virginia, Sept. 22; at Clemson, Sept. 29; at Army, Oct. 6; Western Carolina, Oct. 13; Maryland, Oct. 20; at Georgia Tech, Oct. 27; Wake Forest, Nov. 3; at N.C. State, Nov. 10; North Carolina, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Blue Devils.

Site: Durham, N.C.

The Blue Devils, coming off an 8-4 season that included a 49-21 loss to Texas Tech in the All American Bowl, were looking for continuity when assistant Barry Wilson was promoted to head coach less than one week after the departure of Steve Spurrier.

"Philosophically, I'd like to do exactly the same things we have done," Wilson said, "but I have to be careful to evaluate the 1990 Duke football team on the personnel available and not clone what we've done in the past. We won't try to match statistics."

Once strictly a drop-back passing team, the 1989 Blue Devils discovered a running threat in 220-pound tailback Randy Cuthbert, who as a sophomore rushed for 1,042 yards and averaged 151.8 yards over the Blue Devils' last six games.

Cuthbert also caught 50 passes as Duke averaged 32.4 points per game and became the first ACC team to average more than 500 yards (501.7) per game in total offense.

The Blue Devils lose consensus All-America wide receiver Clarkston Hines and three linemen from their explosive offense. But there should be plenty of firepower coming back to torture ACC defenses.

Wilson's most pleasant problem will be deciding on a quarterback. Billy Ray was leading the conference in total offense last season when he went down with a shoulder injury in the Blue Devils' eighth game. Dave Brown, Ray's backup, took



Duke discovered a running threat last season in tailback Randy Cuthbert.

over the offense and averaged 432 passing yards per game the rest of the way, connecting for 11 touchdowns. Combined, Ray and Brown threw for 3,514 yards and 29 touchdowns.

"I did not go into the spring feeling any compulsion to pick one quarterback," Wilson said. "Carrying the competition into the fall doesn't bother me at all."

Cuthbert and the quarterback should feel comfortable with such returnees as fullback Chris Brown, tackle Chip Nitowski, guard Pete Petroff and wide receiver Darryl Clements providing support.

Wilson will feel better about the defense if 260-pound end Preston Anderson can recover from knee surgery. All four starters—corners Wyatt Smith and Quinton McCracken and safeties Derrick Jackson and Erwin Sampson—return to the secondary, but a depleted linebacking unit will have to be reconstructed from scratch.

NORTH CAROLINA

Coach: Mack Brown (2-20, 2 years; 19-48 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 1-10. ACC: 0-7/8th.

Key losses: Michael Benefield, FB; Clarence Carter, CB; Pat Crowley, OG; Torin Dorn, CB; Cecil Gray, DT; Jonathan Hall, QB; Aaron Staples, TB; Willie Joe Walker, LB; Carl Watts, C.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Eric Blount, TB, 5-8/192, Jr.; Brian Bollinger, G, 6-5/260, Jr.; Todd Burnett, QB, 6-6/191, Jr.; Andy Dinkin, C, 6-1/278, Jr.; *Kevin Donnalley, T, 6-5/291, Sr.; Scott Falise, G, 6-3/262, Fr. (RS); Mike Faulkerson, FB, 6-0/232, Soph.; *Randall Felton, FL, 6-0/191, Soph.; Joey Jauch, SE, 6-0/183, Soph.; Deems May, TE, 6-5/235, Jr.; *Andrew Oberg, T, 6-7/279, Jr. **Defense:** Roy Barker, T, 6-4/272, Jr.; Cliff Baskerville, CB, 5-10/166, Soph.; *Eric Gash, OLB, 6-2/228, Jr.; *Dwight Hollier, ILB, 6-2/234, Jr.; *Rondell Jones, S, 6-2/193, Soph.; Doxie Jordan, CB, 5-11/175, Jr.; Cookie Massey, S, 5-11/209, Soph.; Jonathan Perry, OLB, 6-2/235, Soph.; Alex Simakis, NG, 6-3/265, Sr.; Tommy Thigpen, OLB, 6-2/212, Soph.; *Dennis Tripp, T, 6-3/265, Sr.

Other key players: *Ethan Albright, TE, Soph.; Bucky Brooks, FL, Soph.; Curt Brown, LB, Soph.; Chuckie Burnette, QB, Soph.; Reggie Clark, LB, Sr.; Corey Holliday, SE, Fr. (RS); Randy Jordan, TB, Jr.; *Julius Reese, SE, Soph.; Rick Steinbacher, LB, Fr.; *Bernard Timmons, LB, Sr.; Bracey Walker, S, Fr.

Schedule: Miami of Ohio, Sept. 1; at South Carolina, Sept. 8; Connecticut, Sept. 15; Kentucky, Sept. 22; N.C. State, Sept. 29; at Wake Forest, Oct. 6; Georgia Tech, Oct. 20; Maryland, Oct. 27; at Clemson, Nov. 3; Virginia, Nov. 10; at Duke, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tar Heels.

Site: Chapel Hill, N.C.

Even an eternal optimist such as North Carolina Coach Mack Brown had difficulty finding bright spots in a second straight 1-10 season in which the only victory was over a Division I-AA opponent.

"Last year, offensively, was the worst I've been associated with in 18 years of coaching," said Brown, who came to North Carolina two years ago with the reputation as an offensive innovator. "We were atrocious in short-yardage situations, and when you can't run, usually you can't do anything."

The Tar Heels ranked last in the ACC in rushing, passing and total offense. They

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weren't much better defensively, ranking seventh in both total and scoring defense. Most of the talent was on the defensive side of the ball, and that talent was young and inexperienced.

North Carolina, which has a long history of 1,000-yard rushers, couldn't find anybody last season who could even dent the 500 mark. And the team's leading passer, oft-injured Jonathan Hall, threw for only 581 yards while the quarterbacking unit as a whole completed only 40.9 percent of its passes.

As a result, Brown shook up his staff, bringing in some outside help and taking over the quarterback-coaching duties himself.

"Because of our inability to settle on a quarterback, we have not been able to settle on an offense," Brown said. "We still have too many unanswered questions. On any successful offense, you should be able to name the quarterback, the running back and one of the receivers."

Brown took a step toward rectifying that situation in the spring when he installed 6-6, 191-pound Todd Burnett as the starting quarterback. Randy Jordan and Eric Blount will line up at tailback, and flanker Randall Felton is coming off a

fine freshman season.

Almost all of the team's all-star candidates are on defense, including junior linebacker Dwight Hollier, whose 159 tackles led the ACC. He will be joined on a solid linebacking unit by outside men Eric Gash and Tommy Thigpen.

One other bright spot is punter Scott McAlister, who averaged 42.7 yards per kick last year.

MARYLAND

Coach: Joe Krivak (12-20-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 3-7-1, ACC: 2-5/6th.

Key losses: Mark Agent, C; Mike Anderson, FB; Dave Carr, TE; Dean Green, WR; Mark Hofland, OT; Ricky Johnson, TB; Mike Kisielak, OG; Blaine Rose, OG; Scott Saylor, LB; Mark Walsh, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Bret Boehly, TE, 6-4/249, Sr.; Carren Colvin, FB, 6-2/248, Soph.; Dave Dunne, T, 6-5/263, Jr.; Richie Harris, WR, 5-11/149, Jr.; Troy Jackson, RB, 5-10/201, Jr.; Barry Johnson, WR, 6-3/201, Sr.; Clarence Jones, T, 6-6/277, Sr.; Ken Oberle, G, 6-5/260, Sr.; Ron Staffileno, 6-3/245, Soph.; Mitch Supplee, C, 6-4/258, Jr.; Scott Zolak, QB, 6-5/224, Sr. **Defense:** *Jack Bradford, OLB, 6-1/219, Sr.; Karl Edwards, E, 6-4/225, Sr.; *Rick Fleece, NG, 6-3/254, Sr.; *Michael Hollis, CB, 6-2/170, Sr.; *Glenn Page, ILB, 6-1/233, Sr.; *Ronald Reagan, S, 6-0/183,

Soph.; *Scott Rosen, CB, 5-11/184, Jr.; *Mike Thomas, S, 5-10/175, Jr.; *Larry Webster, T, 6-5/271, Jr.; Scott Whittier, OLB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Lubo Zizakovic, T, 6-7/268, Jr.

Other key players: Kevin Arline, OG, Soph.; Marcus Badgett, WR, Soph.; Joe Cooper, TE, Soph.; Dan DeArmas, P, Jr.; *Darren Drozdov, DT, Jr.; Norris Hanes, WR, Sr.; Frank Namath, C, Sr.; Dan Prunzik, WR, Soph.; Doug Stump, RB, Sr.; Ed Suggs, FB, Jr.; Gene Thomas, WR, Jr. (JC); Frank Wycheck, RB, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: Virginia Tech, Sept. 1; at West Virginia, Sept. 8; Clemson, Sept. 15; N.C. State, Sept. 22; at Michigan, Sept. 29; Georgia Tech, Oct. 6; Wake Forest, Oct. 13; at Duke, Oct. 20; at North Carolina, Oct. 27; at Penn State, Nov. 10; at Virginia, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Terrapins.

Site: College Park, Md.

The Terrapins will attempt to post their first winning season since 1985 against a schedule that annually ranks among the most formidable in Division I-A and, certainly, the ACC.

"I don't think anybody (in the conference) plays near the schedule we do," said Coach Joe Krivak, whose team went 3-7-1 in 1989. "Everybody we play is a tiger."

The Terps, who faced seven bowl teams last season, have replaced Western Michigan with Virginia Tech and also have non-conference games at Michigan, West Virginia and Penn State.

And they will face that schedule with a first-year starter at quarterback in Scott Zolak. A fifth-year senior, Zolak was the backup to Neil O'Donnell for two seasons and completed 45 of 91 passes for 453 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's got a lot of tools," Krivak said. "He's just had some people in front of him."

Zolak will have a big-play receiver in Barry Johnson and not much else. The Terrapin offense loses eight starters and will be young and inexperienced.

Maryland was respectable defensively last season and has almost everybody back—and then some.

Most of the strength will be up front, where noseguard Rick Fleece will be flanked by such beef as end Karl Edwards and tackle Larry Webster.

Scott Whittier, a starter in 1988 who was injured last year, returns and joins Glenn Page at linebacker, while cornerback Michael Hollis will lead a secondary that returns all four starters.

WAKE FOREST

Coach: Bill Dooley (15-16-2, 3 years; 148-106-5 overall, 23 years).

1989 record: 2-8-1, ACC: 1-6/7th.

Key losses: Lou Altobelli, OT; Brad Benson, S; James DuBose, DE; Rod Ferguson, OT; Tony Mayberry, C; Todd Middleton, DE; Ricky Proehl, WB; Terry Smith, DT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Steven Ainsworth, G, 6-4/260, Soph.; Phil Barnhill, QB, 6-2/218, Sr.; Steve Brown, WR, 6-2/190, Sr.; Rusty Bumgardner, T, 6-5/264, Sr.; Scott Clinard, TE, 6-3/225, Jr.; Travis Johns, WB, 6-3/187, Soph.; Robbie Lingerfelt, T, 6-3/270, Sr. (switched from G); Bob Niedbala, FB, 5-10/217, Jr.; Scott Swanson, G, 6-4/253, Jr.; Anthony Williams, TB, 5-10/190, Jr.; Mark Williams, C, 6-4/254, Sr. **Defense:** *Levern Belin, LB, 6-0/225, Sr.;

The Depth Chart

Jones could play heavy on N.C. State defense

Mike Jones had never been a defensive lineman before he arrived at North Carolina State. Jones' father, who also was his high school coach, figured it was only a matter of time until things shaped up that way.

"My dad told me if I wasn't careful, I'd eat myself into a defensive tackle," said Jones, a 6-foot-3, 245-pound tight end/linebacker in high school. "Sure enough, he was right."

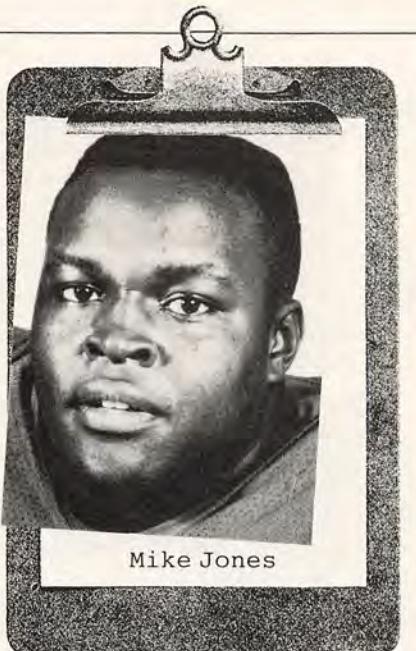
Jones weighed as much as 285 pounds last season, but he hopes to play at 275 in 1990 as he takes over the defensive tackle spot manned the last four years by Ray Agnew, the No. 10 pick overall in the 1990 draft.

"Agnew was the perfect role model," he said. "I've never seen anybody work any harder. That's why I've patterned myself after him. It would kill you just to work out with him."

Jones does not come unprepared. He was a part-time starter at right tackle in 1988 and played in all 11 games as a junior last season despite injuring a knee in preseason practice.

"Besides staying healthy," he said, "I'd like to go after the ACC sack record." His 11 career sacks are 17 shy of the unofficial conference mark held by Clemson's Michael Dean Perry.

Despite his weight gain, Jones has retained most of the speed he showed as a tight end. Last spring, he was timed at 4.87 seconds over 40 yards by pro scouts.



Jones' chief competition in spring camp came from another former tight end, freshman John Akins. Elijah Austin, N.C. State's starting noseguard in 1989, has moved to the other tackle to replace Derick Debnam.

"I'm sure a lot of people are wondering how State's going to replace Agnew and Debnam," Jones said. "We're not getting as much respect, but I think they're selling us short."

"It's incentive for me, that's for sure. I'm in a situation where I want to show that Ray Agnew wasn't the only player we had. Before I leave, I want people to know who Mike Jones was."

—DOUG DOUGHTY

*Warren Belin, LB, 5-11/200, Sr.; *George Coghill, CB, 6-1/192, Soph.; Aubrey Hollifield, T, 6-4/258, Jr.; *Tony Hollis, CB, 6-0/188, Jr.; Ron Lambert, CB, 5-10/190, Soph.; Maurice Miller, E, 6-3/210, Soph.; *Marvin Mitchell, T, 6-6/295, Sr.; *Lamont Scales, S, 6-2/194, Soph.; *Mike Smith, NG, 6-1/278, Sr.; Rudy Thompson, E, 6-3/230, Soph.

Other key players: Dwayne Brown, CB, Sr.; Corey Donald, WB, Jr.; Bobby Jones, SE, Soph.; Gregg Long, WB, Jr.; Michael McCrary, DE, Soph.; John Henry Mills, TE, Soph. (RS); Tommy Mordica, OG, Soph.; Tony Rogers, TB, Sr.; Drew Small, LB, Fr. (RS); Kharim Strayhorn, NG, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: At Rice, Sept. 1; Appalachian State, Sept. 8; at N.C. State, Sept. 15; Army, Sept. 29; North Carolina, Oct. 6; at Maryland, Oct. 13; Virginia, Oct. 20; Clemson, Oct. 27; at Duke, Nov. 3; Georgia Tech, Nov. 17; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Demon Deacons.

Site: Winston-Salem, N.C.

Wake Forest Coach Bill Dooley had put together a nice string of winning seasons in the 1980s, seven of them at Virginia Tech, before his 1989 Deacons team ran into a brick wall.

It was an atypical Dooley team from several standpoints. The Deacons ranked last in the ACC in total defense, scored only six rushing touchdowns and finished last in the conference in turnover margin.

"It was very frustrating," said Dooley, who is entering his fourth season at Wake Forest. "Every time we got something going or had a chance to win a ball game, we'd drop the ball. In the Army game (a 14-10 loss), we fumbled three times inside the 15-yard line. We could have won four or five games (without critical turnovers)."

The Deacons moved the ball well enough to rank fourth in the league in total offense, but they could manage only 17.6 points per game. They did not have a player ranked among the league's top 10 rushers.

The most pleasant surprise was quarterback Phil Barnhill, a fifth-year senior who had sat on the bench for three years before winning a preseason duel with Gregg Long, now a wide receiver. All Barnhill did was lead the ACC in total offense with 2,820 yards and throw 17 touchdown passes—one less than conference leader Shawn Moore.

"Barnhill had a lot better year than I thought he would replacing (Mike) Elkins," Dooley said. "I didn't think anybody would be close to Elkins, but Barnhill was."

Barnhill will have to get by without his top receiver, Ricky Proehl, but speedy Steve Brown could be ready for a breakthrough season. Brown, who won the 110-meter hurdles at the ACC track championships, had 32 receptions in 1989.

Dooley also will be looking for good numbers from Anthony Williams, who led the team in rushing with 430 yards, and Tony Rogers, who ran for 394. They will operate behind a line that features tackle Robbie Lingerfelt and guard Scott Swanson.

The defense has some major holes to fill, but there is some returning talent. Linemen Mike Smith and Marvin Mitchell are quality performers, as are end Rudy Thompson and safety Lamont Scales. ■

SCOUTING THE ATLANTIC COAST

The headhunter: Virginia cornerback Tony Covington is one of the league's toughest and most physical players. He calls himself "Cov" and even had his nickname shaved into his hair.

Program of the '90s: Georgia Tech. If Coach Bobby Ross stays put in Atlanta, the Rambling Wreck will wreak havoc with the league's top teams very soon. Ross has formulated an Eastern talent pipeline to supplement the home-grown talent.

Patience is a virtue: After 23 years as an assistant, Barry Wilson finally got his chance to direct a program when Steve Spurrier left Duke. Wilson proceeded to build a staff that includes two men who left head coaching positions—defensive coordinator Dale Strahm (Western Carolina) and offensive line coach Mac McWhorter (West Georgia). In so doing, Wilson surrounded himself with superb assistants, thus passing the first test for new coaches.

Impact newcomers: Marlon Williams, LB, Georgia Tech, Fr. (RS);

Bracey Walker, S, North Carolina, Fr. (RS); Brendan Kilfeather, LB, Virginia, Fr.; Aaron Mundy, TE, Virginia, Fr.

The Brothers Brown: North Carolina Coach Mack Brown and brother Watson, Vanderbilt's coach, are perceived by their peers as talented young mentors. Their combined record, however, is 28-83. Mack has posted a 2-20 mark at North Carolina.

Best bets: Duke will lead the league in passing and Clemson won't. If Clemson beats Georgia and South Carolina, the undefeated Tigers will play for the national title in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Odds and ends: Seven Virginia players will enter the fall having earned their undergraduate degrees and enrolled in graduate school.... Several Cavaliers have famous fathers: linebacker Yusef Jackson (the Rev. Jesse Jackson), wide receiver Derek Dooley (Georgia Athletic Director Vince Dooley), special-teams standout Scott Griese (former Miami Dolphins quarterback Bob Griese) and potential special-teams contributors Rickie Peete (pro golfer Calvin Peete) and Bill Curry (Kentucky Coach Bill Curry).... North Carolina defensive back Jeff Griese also is Bob's son. ... Tar Heels wide receiver Erik Jurgensen is the son of former Redskins quarterback Sonny Jurgensen.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Randy Cuthbert, Duke, 93 yds.pg (187 att., 1,023 yds., 10 TDs, 5.5 avg.).

Passing efficiency: David Brown, Duke, 161 rating pts. (163 att., 104 comp., 1,479 yds., 14 TDs).

Total offense: Phillip Barnhill, Wake Forest, 256.4 yds.pg (366 yds. rushing, 2,454 yds. passing, 2,820 total yds.).

Receiving: Randy Cuthbert, Duke, 4.5 rec.pg (50 rec., 470 yds., 0 TDs, 9.4 avg.).

Scoring: Chris Gardocki, Clemson, 8.9 pts.pg (0 TDs, 38 PATs, 20 FGs, 98 pts.).

Punting: Chris Gardocki, Clemson, 42.7 avg. (44 punts, 1,878 yds.).

Punt returns: Willie Clay, Georgia Tech, 5.9 avg. (28 att., 167 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: T.J. Edwards, Georgia Tech, 23.7 avg. (35 att., 831 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Chris Gardocki, Clemson, 1.82 FG.pg (20/25 FGs, 80%).

Interceptions: Robert O'Neal, Clemson, .64 int.pg (7 int., 96 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY



Georgia Tech's
Bobby Ross

The Envelope, Please

Best offensive line:

Clemson

Best offensive backfield:

Duke

Best backup quarterback:

Dave Brown, Duke

Best wide receivers:

Georgia Tech

Best clutch receiver:

Herman Moore, Virginia

Best defensive line:

Clemson

Best-hitting DL:

Larry Webster, Maryland

Best linebackers:

Clemson

Best-hitting LB:

Levon Kirkland, Clemson

Best defensive backfield:

North Carolina State

Best-hitting DB:

Ken Swilling, Georgia Tech

Best kicking game:

Clemson

Best specialty units:

Clemson

Best special-teams player:

Ashley Sheppard, Clemson

Best special-teams hitter:

Steve (Manimal) Pharr, Ga. Tech

Best coaching staff:

Georgia Tech

Best coach:

Dick Sheridan, N.C. State

Best offensive assistant:

Larry Van Der Heyden, Clemson

Best defensive assistant:

George O'Leary, Georgia Tech

Best Heisman candidate:

Shawn Moore, QB, Virginia

Big Eight's run-first coaches looking to diversify

By TOM SHATEL
Free-lance writer

Let's get one thing straight: The pass will not come to pass in the Big Eight—at least not like it has in some other conferences.

So why, then, was Colorado Coach Bill McCartney expounding on the subject January 2, only hours after his top-ranked Buffaloes had bottomed out emotionally against Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, saying, "Let's grow with (quarterback) Darian Hagan. Let's give him things he can do. We have to be more versatile."?

And why did Oklahoma Coach Gary Gibbs hire pass-minded Larry Coker from Oklahoma State as his offensive coordinator and then sign Oklahoma high school player of the year Cale Gundy, the strong-armed younger brother of Cowboys quarterback Mike Gundy, who finished his career last season as the Big Eight's all-time passing leader?

And why are the Big Eight's top teams starting to look over their shoulders at the offensive machines being put together by Iowa State Coach Jim Walden and Missouri's Bob Stull? Which way is the wind blowing on the plains? Is the Big Eight turning into a passing league?

No way.

So why the fuss? Because, as McCartney was the latest Big Eight-champion coach to discover, there is a reason for the conference's 4-6 Orange Bowl record in the 1980s and its 1-4 mark in games that decided a national championship. Given equal defensive speed and talent, the Miamis, Florida States and Notre Dames have one big edge over the rushing platoons of the Big Eight: a strong passing



Colorado's defense is loaded with talent like linebacker Kanavis McGhee.

game.

Yes, Notre Dame's victory-clinching drive over and through Colorado in the fourth quarter of the Orange Bowl was strictly smash-mouth football. But, as McCartney lamented, his heretofore high-powered offense simply did not have enough diversity to keep the Irish off balance after Notre Dame got ahead. Most Big Eight coaches had heard the story line before.

"In my opinion, I believe to win against good teams out of this conference such as Miami and Florida State—teams that have been giving teams in this conference trouble—you've got to be able to throw the ball because they're going to match up with you athlete for athlete," said Mike Gundy, now a receivers coach for Oklahoma State. "If you just have one dimension, such as running, it's too easy to defend."

Recent history tells you that nobody runs down a clock like teams from the Big Eight. In the 1980s, Big Eight teams won eight national rushing titles, including six by Nebraska. Through most of the decade, the league's have-nots tried to emulate Nebraska and Oklahoma's offensive style without benefit of their overall talent. It was a losing proposition.

Only Colorado, which adapted a variation of the wishbone (the flexbone), enjoyed any success.

Now McCartney, who says he wants his team to throw for 100 more yards in each of five big games this year, has seen the light in a historically dark vacuum. The conference's power teams must diversify. That doesn't mean they have to abandon

their bread-and-butter ground attacks. It means they must pass better, not more.

"When you were at Oklahoma and Nebraska for a certain amount of years, you could rush for 580 yards a game and complete one pass and nobody cared and you could still roll over the top of eight opponents," Iowa State's Walden said. "I think the talent is strong enough that you can't do that anymore. You can't just say we're going to be able to not throw a pass and grind the top teams in the dirt."

"When this turns into a five-team league, that's not going to cut it. You'll play four teams with defense good enough to stare you right in the face. I think within the next year, there's going to be five teams in this league that you won't be able to grind down. You're not going to win this battle while the referees give you the instructions."

Maybe, but not this year. The Big Eight looks to be another three-team race between defending champion Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma, which may be too distracted by a tinkering offense to contend. Still, the head-to-head meetings between those three teams could produce a rarity: a 6-1 three-way tie.

COLORADO

Coach: Bill McCartney (46-45-1, 8 years).
1989 record: 11-1 (lost to Notre Dame in Orange Bowl). Big Eight: 7-0/1st.

Key losses: Jeff Campbell, WR; Bill Coleman, OT; J.J. Flannigan, TB; Michael Jones, LB; Erich Kissick, FB; Darrin Muilenburg, OG; John Perak, TE; Oakland Salavea, DT; Arthur Walker, DT; Bruce Young, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Eric Bieniemy, TB, 5-7/190, Sr.; Jon Boman, TE, 6-4/235,

Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.

Jr.; *Joe Garten, G, 6-3/280, Sr.; *Darian Hagan, QB, 5-10/185, Jr.; Russ Heasley, G, 6-4/265, Jr.; George Hemingway, FB, 6-1/225, Sr.; *Jay Leeuwenburg, C, 6-3/265, Jr.; *Mike Pritchard, WR, 5-11/180, Sr.; Michael Simmons, WB, 5-9/200, Sr.; Ariel Solomon, T, 6-6/275, Sr.; *Mark Vander Poel, T, 6-8/300, Sr. **Defense:** Marcellous Elder, T, 6-6/285, Soph.; *David Gibbs, CB, 5-8/175, Sr.; Garry Howe, T, 6-0/265, Sr.; Rob Hutchins, ILB, 6-1/215, Sr.; *Tim James, S, 6-3/215, Sr.; *Terry Johnson, ILB, 6-1/220, Sr.; *Dave McCoughan, CB, 6-1/185, Sr.; *Kanavis McGhee, OLB, 6-5/250, Sr.; *Joel Steed, NG, 6-3/280, Jr.; Greg Thomas, S, 6-3/210, Jr.; *Alfred Williams, OLB, 6-6/230, Sr.

Other key players: David Arterberry, TB, Soph.; Greg Biekert, LB, Soph.; Chad Brown, LB, Soph.; Sean Embree, TE, 6-4/225, Soph.; Deon Figures, CB, Soph.; Richard Fisher, LB, Fr. (RS); Rick Grunden, OG, Soph.; James Hill, FB, Fr. (RS); Greg Lindsey, WB, Fr. (RS); Mike Motley, LB, Sr.; O.C. Oliver, WB, Jr.; Tom Rouen, P, Sr.; Rico Smith, WR, Jr. (JC); Chuck Snowdon, TB, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: Tennessee (at Anaheim, Calif.), Aug. 26; Stanford, Sept. 6; at Illinois, Sept. 15; at Texas, Sept. 22; Washington, Sept. 29; at Missouri, Oct. 6; Iowa State, Oct. 13; at Kansas, Oct. 20; Oklahoma, Oct. 27; at Nebraska, Nov. 3; Oklahoma State, Nov. 10; Kansas State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Buffaloes.

Site: Boulder, Colo.

Give the Big Eight edge to Colorado because of Hagan, a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy that some thought he deserved last year after rushing for 1,004 yards and passing for 1,002 more. Hagan, only a junior, should continue to blossom, parlaying his incredible quickness and outstanding instincts into big offensive production.

But, as the Buffaloes discovered in the Orange Bowl, Hagan's strong arm can be erratic. That fact was pounded home again in the spring when the youngster was six for 18 for 161 yards in the team's last two scrimmages.

"We can't be one-dimensional," McCartney said, again emphasizing his desire for more passing. "A year ago, Hagan was a freshman, so we didn't try to give him too much in the spring. Then, after he had the kind of year he had, it was necessary to evolve and take the next step with him."

Understand, this is no one-Buff team. Colorado has as many as seven All-America hopefuls. Colorado's talent and depth show on both sides of the ball.

Start on offense with tailback Eric Biemiemy, who was on his way to a big 1989 season when he was forced to the sideline with a broken leg with five games remaining. Biemiemy enters his senior campaign healthy, lighter and faster.

He will be running behind a strong line that returns consensus All-America guard Joe Garten, tackle Mark Vander Poel and center Jay Leeuwenburg. Wideout Mike Pritchard heads a receiving corps that hopes to benefit from McCartney's obsession with a better passing attack.

The defense is loaded with talent, especially in the linebacking corps. Kanavis McGhee and Alfred Williams are outstanding and Terry Johnson has his moments. Noseguard Joel Steed is a 280-pound monster and sophomore Marcellous Elder is ready to flaunt his 285-pound frame at tackle.

Safety Tim James heads a secondary that also returns cornerbacks David Gibbs and Dave McCoughan.

McCartney has another big offensive weapon in punter Tom Rouen, who led the nation in 1989 with a 45.9-yard average.

The biggest question in Boulder could be attitude. Can the Buffaloes rediscover the win-one-for-the-Gipper intensity they showed last season when they focused on the tragic death of former quarterback Sal Aunense?

And McCartney acknowledges that last year's victories over Oklahoma and Nebraska were the result of favorable breaks. He also acknowledges that this year's non-conference schedule (Tennes-

see plus return games at Illinois and Texas) could wear down the Buffs before they meet the Sooners and Cornhuskers. Because of that schedule, McCartney calls a Colorado repeat run at a national title "absurd."

"I think the reason we lost that game (Orange Bowl) was Notre Dame was mentally tougher than we were," McCartney said. "When we went into halftime, they circled the wagons and gritted their teeth and we commiserated over our opportunities we squandered. I think it was mental—the ability to put adversity behind you—and I'm hoping we grew from that."

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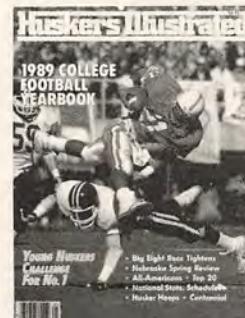
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Oklahoma QB**DEFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Pat Rogan
Kansas LB**TSN's PRESEASON ALL-BIG EIGHT TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	LINZY COLLINS, Missouri	6-2/185	Sr.
WR	*CURTIS MAYFIELD, Oklahoma State	6-0/172	Sr.
WR	MICHAEL SMITH, Kansas State	5-10/160	Jr.
TE	TIM BRUTON, Missouri	6-4/245	Sr.
T	ARIEL SOLOMON, Colorado	6-6/275	Sr.
T	MARK VANDER POEL, Colorado	6-8/300	Sr.
C	BRAD FUNK, Missouri	6-3/261	Soph.
G	JOE GARTEN, Colorado	6-3/280	Sr.
G	GENE WILLIAMS, Iowa State	6-2/315	Sr.
QB	DARIAN HAGAN, Colorado	5-10/185	Jr.
RB	ERIC BIENEMY, Colorado	5-7/190	Sr.
RB	BLAISE BRYANT, Iowa State	6-0/195	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	JOEL STEED, Colorado	6-3/280	Jr.
DL	MARCELLOUS ELDER, Colorado	6-6/285	Soph.
DL	SCOTT EVANS, Oklahoma	6-3/260	Sr.
DL	JAMES GOODE, Oklahoma	6-4/242	Sr.
DL	KENNY WALKER, Nebraska	6-4/230	Sr.
ILB	MIKE PETKO, Nebraska	6-2/225	Jr.
ILB	CHRIS WILSON, Oklahoma	6-3/226	Jr.
OLB	KANAVIS McGHEE, Colorado	6-5/250	Sr.
OLB	ALFRED WILLIAMS, Colorado	6-6/230	Sr.
CB	BRUCE PICKENS, Nebraska	5-11/190	Sr.
CB	MARCUS ROBERTSON, Iowa State	6-0/190	Sr.
S	TYRONE BYRD, Nebraska	5-11/170	Soph.
S	REGGIE COOPER, Nebraska	6-3/205	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	CARY BLANCHARD, Oklahoma State	6-1/200	Sr.
P	TOM ROUEN, Colorado	6-3/215	Sr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MIKE PRITCHARD, Colorado	5-11/180	Sr.
WR	*OTIS TAYLOR, Oklahoma	5-8/184	Soph.
WR	NATE TURNER, Nebraska	6-2/220	Jr.
TE	WILLIAM WASHINGTON, Nebraska	6-2/245	Soph.
T	CHRISTOPHER PEREZ, Kansas	6-5/280	Jr.
T	TOM PUNT, Nebraska	6-8/285	Sr.
C	JAY LEEUWENBURG, Colorado	6-3/265	Jr.
G	TERRAN MANNING, Oklahoma	6-2/280	Sr.
G	MIKE SAWATZKY, Oklahoma	6-2/272	Sr.
QB	MIKE GRANT, Nebraska	6-2/200	Jr.
RB	MIKE GADDIS, Oklahoma	6-2/210	Jr.
FB	MICHAEL JONES, Missouri	6-2/211	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	RUBEN OLIVER, Oklahoma State	5-11/242	Sr.
DL	FRANK BLEVINS, Oklahoma	6-4/224	Sr.
DL	GILBERT BROWN, Kansas	6-1/295	Soph.
DL	STACEY SATTERWHITE, Oklahoma State	6-6/262	Jr.
DL	JOE SIMS, Nebraska	6-3/285	Sr.
ILB	CURTIS MOORE, Kansas	6-1/235	Sr.
ILB	PAT TYRANCE, Nebraska	6-2/240	Sr.
OLB	MIKE CROEL, Nebraska	6-3/225	Sr.
OLB	TRAVIS HILL, Nebraska	6-2/230	Soph.
CB	HASSAN BAILEY, Kansas	5-11/190	Soph.
CB	MIKE CLARK, Oklahoma State	5-10/195	Jr.
S	TIM JAMES, Colorado	6-3/215	Sr.
S	TERRY RAY, Oklahoma	6-2/192	Jr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JEFF SHUDAK, Iowa State	5-10/180	Sr.
P	CHRIS COBB, Kansas State	6-4/190	Sr.

NEBRASKA**Coach:** Tom Osborne (168-38-2, 17 years).**1989 record:** 10-2 (lost to Florida State in Fiesta Bowl). Big Eight: 6-1/2nd.**Key losses:** Richard Bell, WB; Bill Bobbora, G; Bryan Carpenter, FB; Ken Clark, RB; Gerry Gdowski, QB; Doug Glaser, OT; Morgan Gregory, SE; Monte Kratzenstein, TE; Jeff Mills, LB; Mike Murray, MG; Ray Valladao, DT; Kent Wells, DT; Jake Young, C.**Projected starting lineup: Offense:** Jon Bostick, SE, Jr.; Brian Boerboom, T, 6-7/285, Jr.; David Edeal, C, 6-2/285, Sr.; Leodis Flowers, RB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Mike Grant, QB, 6-2/200, Jr.; Tom Punt, T, 6-8/285, Sr.; Will Shields, G, 6-2/265, Soph.; Omar Soto, FB, 5-11/225, Jr. (RS); Nate Turner, WR, 6-2/220, Jr.; Jim Wanek, G, 6-1/255, Sr.; William Washington, TE, 6-2/245, Soph. **Defense:** *Tyrone Byrd, S, 5-11/170, Soph.; *Reggie Cooper, S, 6-3/205, Sr.; *Mike Croel, OLB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Pat Engelbert, NG, 6-2/245, Jr.; Travis Hill, OLB, 6-2/230, Soph.; *Tahaun Lewis, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.; *Mike Petko, ILB, 6-2/225, Jr.; *Bruce Pickens, CB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Joe Sims, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; *Pat Tyrance, ILB, 6-2/240, Sr.; Kenny Walker, T, 6-4/230, Sr.**Other key players:** Gregg Barrios, K, Sr.; Derek Brown, RB, Fr. (Prop 48); Paul Brungardt, T, Sr.; Steve Engstrom, T, Sr.; Chris Garrett, TE, Soph.; Tyrone Hughes, WB, Soph.; Tim Johnk, FB, Jr.; Mickey Joseph, QB, Jr.; Tyrone Legette, CB, Jr.; Terry Rodgers, RB, Sr.; David White, LB, Soph.**Schedule:** Baylor, Sept. 1; Northern Illinois, Sept. 8; Minnesota, Sept. 22; Oregon State, Sept. 29; at Kansas State, Oct. 6; Missouri, Oct. 13; Oklahoma State, Oct. 20; at Iowa State, Oct. 27; Colorado, Nov. 3; at Kansas, Nov. 10; at Oklahoma, Nov. 17.**Nickname:** Cornhuskers.**Site:** Lincoln, Neb.

The Cornhuskers figure to challenge Colorado if they can resolve their offensive questions, top priority being their

search for a quarterback. But McCartney is quick to remind that Nebraska faced that same kind of problem in 1989.

"If Nebraska does what it did a year ago when they put a new guy in at quarterback," McCartney said, "we're all in trouble."

What the Cornhuskers did was post another 10-win season, losing only to Colorado in the regular season and Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. Their success was a direct result of the calm, surprisingly consistent leadership of senior quarterback Gerry Gdowski, who completed 52.2 percent of his passes for 1,326 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Gdowski is gone, however, and Osborne will look to his junior duo of Mickey Joseph and Mike Grant, the same twosome that lost out to Gdowski last fall. Now, Joseph and Grant only have each other to worry about and Osborne says they probably will split time.

Quarterback, however, is just one of many offensive questions that Osborne must answer. Such outstanding performers as tailback Ken Clark, fullback Bryan Carpenter, tackle Doug Glaser and consensus All-America center Jake Young are gone, as are Gdowski and four other offensive starters.

But, as usual, Osborne will simply reload his line with graduates of the Husker weight palace and his backfield with a few new faces from his ever-ready stable of talented running backs. Tackle Tom Punt is one of two holdovers on the line and running back Leodis Flowers, a hot

recruit from Omaha three years ago, could blossom in his junior season after backing up Clark in 1989. Terry Rodgers, the son of former Nebraska Heisman winner Johnny Rodgers, also should take plenty of handoffs, as should fullbacks Omar Soto and Tim Johnk.

Wideout Nate Turner and tight end William Washington will be the primary pass catchers.

Fortunately for Osborne, his defense and a favorable schedule will offer room to grow. Nebraska, which led the Big Eight in defense last season, could dominate in 1990.

Start up front with such linemen as Kenny Walker and Joe Sims, move to a talented linebacking corps that features Mike Croel, Pat Tyrance, Travis Hill and Mike Petko and then finish it off with the conference's best secondary—corners Bruce Pickens and Tahaun Lewis and safeties Reggie Cooper and Tyrone Byrd.

OKLAHOMA**Coach:** Gary Gibbs (7-4, 1 year).**1989 record:** 7-4. Big Eight: 5-2/3rd.**Key losses:** Eric Bross, SE; Ken McMichael, DB; Leon Perry, FB; Kevin Thompson, DB; Mark Van Keirsbilck, OT; Dante Williams, NG; Mike Wise, C.**Projected starting lineup: Offense:** *Steve Collins, QB, 6-2/196, Soph.; *Mike Gaddis, TB, 6-2/10, Jr.; Artie Guess, SE, 5-11/195, Sr.; Brandon Houston, T, 6-5/270, Soph.; *Ted Long, WR, 5-11/190, Jr.; Terran Manning, G, 6-2/280, Sr. (switched from T); Joey Mickey, TE, 6-7/256, Soph.; Jeff Miller, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Kenyon Rasheed,

FB, 6-0/224, Soph.; *Mike Sawatzky, G, 6-2/272, Sr.; Randy Wallace, C, 6-4/274, Jr. **Defense:** *Tom Backes, T, 6-5/264, Sr.; *Jason Belser, CB, 5-10/185, Jr.; *Frank Blevins, E, 6-4/224, Sr. (switched from LB); Joe Bowden, LB, 6-1/230, Jr.; Stacey Dillard, NG, 6-7/272, Jr.; *Scott Evans, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Charles Franks, CB, 6-0/184, Jr.; *James Goode, E, 6-4/242, Sr.; *Terry Ray, S, 6-2/192, Jr.; Darnell Walker, S, 5-9/165, Jr. (JC); *Chris Wilson, LB, 6-3/226, Jr.

Other key players: Dewell Brewer, TB, Soph.; *Adrian Cooper, TE, Sr.; *Tracy Gordon, DE, Sr.; Arthur Guess, SE, Sr.; Proctor Land, OT, Jr.; R.D. Lashar, K, Sr.; Ike Lewis, TB, Jr.; Corey Mayfield, DT, Soph.; *Larry Medice, G, Sr.; Jerome Pipkins, S, Jr. (JC); Trey Tippins, DE, Soph.

Schedule: At UCLA, Sept. 8; Pittsburgh, Sept. 15; Tulsa, Sept. 22; Kansas, Sept. 29; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 6; Texas (at Dallas), Oct. 13; Iowa State, Oct. 20; at Colorado, Oct. 27; at Missouri, Nov. 3; Kansas State, Nov. 10; Nebraska, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Sooners.

Site: Norman, Okla.

The Boomers are back. Oklahoma is shedding part of its three-year probation this season and can appear again on television. Now, will anyone want to see them?

Let's take inventory.

Running back Mike Gaddis is an electrifying junior tailback whose only flaw is a knee that required surgery last season. If Gaddis can't return to full speed, no problem. Talented backup Ike Lewis is available and 224-pound fullback Kenyon Ra-shed is ready for duty.

Guards Mike Sawatzky and Terran Manning are the premier performers on a talented offensive line and Steve Collins is a talented quarterback who will be looking over his shoulder at freshman Cale Gundy, who could be getting a large dose of playing time by midseason. That will depend on Coker and how he feels the Sooners are adapting to his more sophisticated passing attack.

"Coach Coker did a lot of good things at Oklahoma State," former pupil Mike



Oklahoma's Mike Gaddis is an electrifying tailback.

Gundy said. "He's taken his talents to Oklahoma, so obviously the reason that they hired him would be to throw the ball more. Now, what they end up doing with the talent that they have, we'll just have to wait and see."

"It will change some," Coker admitted. "We're still going to be an option team. How much wishbone, how much passing is still up for grabs."

Defensively, the Sooners made several cosmetic changes—like moving middle linebacker Frank Blevins to end—but the bottom line will remain the same: The Sooners will be difficult to move against.

James Goode returns to play opposite Blevins and Scott Evans will anchor a tough front wall. Chris Wilson will be the

premier performer at linebacker with safety Terry Ray and cornerback Jason Belser returning to the secondary.

MISSOURI

Coach: Bob Stull (2-9, 1 year; 33-36 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 2-9. Big Eight: 1-6/7th.

Key losses: Jay Greenwood, OG; Lee Johnson, DE; Adrian Jones, CB; Ted LePage, S; Darren MacDonald, LB; Cordell McKinney, CB; Pete Scott, OG; Tommie Stowers, FB; Kevin White, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Tim Brutton, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; *Ken Christensen, T, 6-5/255, Jr.; *Linzy Collins, WR, 6-2/185, Sr.; Brad

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Funk, C, 6-3/261, Soph.; *Michael Jones, FB, 6-2/211, Sr.; *Kent Kiefer, QB, 6-1/190, Sr.; *Damon Mays, WR, 5-10/169, Sr.; Russ McCullough, T, 6-9/304, Jr.; Sean Moore, TB, 5-10/197, Sr.; Rick Trumbull, T, 6-6/293, Jr.; *Don Wright, G, 6-4/245, Jr. (switched from T). **Defense:** Harry Colon, S, 6-0/198, Sr.; Travis Condit, MLB, 6-1/215, Soph.; *Stacy Elliott, OLB, 6-4/225, Soph.; Jeff Harper, T, 6-2/290, Sr.; Rob Harper, E, 6-7/262, Sr.; *Mario Johnson, NT, 6-5/285, Jr.; Rick Lyle, E, 6-6/258, Fr.; *Mike Ringgenberg, OLB, 6-4/220, Soph.; Brad Scrivner, S, 6-0/174, Jr.; Sharron Washington, CB, 6-0/205, Jr.; Jermaine Wilkins, CB, 6-3/199, Soph.

Other key players: Victor Bailey, WR, Jr. (transfer/UTEP); Maurice Benson, CB, Soph.; Tony Cooper, LB, Jr., (JC); Chris Drossos, LB, Jr., (JC); *Leon Fisher, S, Sr.; Jeff Jacke, K, Soph.; Ronnell Kayhill, TB, Soph.; Skip Leach, WR, Jr.; Rick Lyle, DE, Fr. (RS); Jason Oliver, TB, Fr.; Mark Plunkett, P, Jr.; Niu Sale, S, Jr., (JC); *Andy Titone, LB, Sr.; Tony VanZant, RB, Sr.; Derrick Watkins, DE, Jr., (JC).

Schedule: Texas Christian, Sept. 8; Utah State, Sept. 15; at Indiana, Sept. 22; Arizona State, Sept. 29; Colorado, Oct. 6; at Nebraska, Oct. 13; Kansas State, Oct. 20; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 27; Oklahoma, Nov. 3; at Iowa State, Nov. 10; at Kansas, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Columbia, Mo.

It appears that the Tigers return the right people in all the right places—on offense. Defense could be another story, but

at least prospects are looking brighter for victory-starved fans who last saw Missouri post a winning season—and appear in a bowl—in 1983.

The offensive ringleader should be quarterback Kent Kiefer, who started last season after transferring from Arizona State. Maligned and ridiculed through the early part of the 1989 season, Kiefer bounced back to lead the league in passing with 2,314 yards and 12 touchdowns.

For continuity's sake, if not consistency, Stull has said that Kiefer has the job no matter what. He is surrounded by a lot of weapons that should whet the emaciated and suspicious appetites of Tiger fans.

Senior receivers Linzy Collins and Damon Mays—also second-year transfers—have learned Stull's system with Kiefer step by step and now feel comfortable. So, too, does tight end Tim Bruton, the underachieving professional prospect who says he has his head together after losing his starting job last year.

The backs are solid, with fullback Michael Jones ready to step into the spotlight.

The offense may have to score early and often to compensate for a defense that returns only five starters. That may

not be so bad considering the 1989 Tigers yielded a school-record 363 points in a 2-9 season that was complicated by a rash of injuries.

The top returnee will be 285-pound Mario Johnson, a noseguard last season who is making the switch to tackle. Johnson even played two downs of tailback in the spring game. A host of youngsters and junior college transfers will be given hard looks, and you can bet the Missouri defense will be wearing a life preserver until it's ready to swim.

IOWA STATE

Coach: Jim Walden (14-19, 3 years; 58-71-4 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 6-5. Big Eight: 4-3/4th.

Key losses: Tim Baker, S; Dave Benoit, OL; Randy Bern, DE; Mike Busch, TE; Don Edwards, DT; Bret Oberg, QB; Mike Shane, LB; Keith Sims, OL; Trent Van Hoosen, OG; Charles Vondra, LB; Rick Wells, OG; Tyrone Williams, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Scott Armbrust, G, 6-3/278, Soph. (RS); Blaise Bryant, RB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Chris Hergenrader, T, 6-3/241, Soph.; *John Goflefty, FL, 6-1/181, Sr.; *Steve Lester, SE, 5-10/195, Sr.; Craig Mahoney, TE, 6-3/228, Sr.; Chris Pedersen, QB, 6-2/222, Jr.; Doug Skartvedt, T, 6-3/305, Fr. (RS); George Tsotsias, C, 6-2/269, Sr.; Hussein Warmack, FB, 6-2/220, Soph.; *Gene Williams, G, 6-2/315, Sr. **Defense:** Jeff Bauer, S, 5-11/175, Sr.; *Travis Black, T, 6-0/233, Jr.; *Andrew Buggs, CB, 6-1/176, Soph.; Jim Doran, OL, 6-0/192, Sr.; Mark DouBrava, S, 6-0/183, Soph.; Shane Dunlevy, E, 6-4/237, Jr.; *Matt Grubb, T, 6-2/250, Jr.; Dan Milner, MLB, 6-2/228, Soph.; *Larry Ratigan, OLB, 6-3/217, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Matt Rehberg, E, 6-4/265, Jr.; *Marcus Robertson, CB, 6-0/190, Sr.

Other key players: Mark Dunn, DE, Jr.; *Dave Eder, CB, Sr.; *Troy Moore, WR, Sr.; *Chris Musselman, C, Sr.; Jeff Shudak, K, Sr.; Chris Spencer, WR, Soph.; Dan Watkins, LB, Soph.; Glenn Wilder, LB, Soph.; Sherman Williams, RB.

Schedule: Northern Iowa, Sept. 8; at Minnesota, Sept. 15; at Iowa, Sept. 22; Western Michigan, Sept. 29; Kansas, Oct. 6; at Colorado, Oct. 13; at Oklahoma, Oct. 20; Nebraska, Oct. 27; at Kansas State, Nov. 3; Missouri, Nov. 10; Oklahoma State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Cyclones.

Site: Ames, Ia.

Unlike Stull, Iowa State's Walden has proof—a winning record last season—that his program is close to turning the corner. Last year, the Cyclones beat Missouri and Oklahoma State to finish at 6-5 and win the Big Eight Battle of the Midway.

"It's getting closer," Walden said. "You change your view. You go out from the blind side into the open. I don't know whether we turned it, but we're out there where we can see what's down the other street. It's up to us to decide if we want to go there."

With Oklahoma State in a state of flux, the Cyclones should battle Missouri for the rights to reshape the conference's upper division. Games against Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma State at home will help, as will the presence of senior tailback Blaise Bryant.

A year ago, Bryant came to Iowa State after leading the nation's junior college rushers in 1988. He didn't disappoint. In an offense that used the run to set up the pass, Bryant rushed for 1,516 yards, the league's top figure and the fourth-best total in Division I-A. The burly 195-

The Depth Chart

Nebraska quarterbacks pose familiar question

Joseph or Grant?

That was the quarterback question Nebraska fans were asking a year ago. They're asking the same question again this year.

The difference is that this time the answer can't be Gerry Gdowski. He's gone after surprising everyone but the Nebraska coaches by seizing the top spot last year and never letting go. While the talented Mickey Joseph and Mike Grant watched from the bench, Gdowski set or tied 11 Cornhusker records and was honored along with Colorado's Darian Hagan as the Big Eight Conference's top quarterback.

Gdowski's pending graduation left Joseph and Grant vying for his job, but spring drills did not provide a winner. Joseph, a 5-foot-11, 175-pound junior, had the better spring, but only because Grant, a 6-2, 200-pound junior, was hampered by a sore right shoulder.

"It's not a clear-cut thing," Coach Tom Osborne said. "Mike's coming off a shoulder operation. He had a separated shoulder at the end of last year, missed the last three games. He's still a little bit sore. Joseph is the fastest of the two and Mike's the bigger of the two. It's hard to say right now."

Joseph, who has played in 15 games (all in a mop-up role) over the last two seasons as a backup to Steve Taylor and Gdowski, provides more of a running threat. He has rushed for 425 yards and four touchdowns and com-



Mike Grant

pleted just six of 16 passes for 85 yards with two interceptions at Nebraska.

Grant's experience is even more limited. He spent his freshman year leading the junior varsity to a 5-0 record and then played in only five games last year, completing eight of 17 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 166 yards.

The consensus in Big Red land is that Grant's passing ability eventually will win out. Gdowski's 1989 passing efficiency rating would have broken the NCAA Division I-A record had he had enough attempts; the Cornhuskers are looking for more of the same.

—TOM SHATEL

pounder ranks as the nation's leading returning rusher.

More importantly for the Cyclones, he is the cornerstone for their 1990 hopes. Walden is breaking in a new quarterback in Chris Pedersen, a junior who backed up Bret Oberg for two years, and he will have to reshape his line around tackle Gene Williams and center George Tsotsias.

Pedersen will have a nice complement of receivers in Steve Lester, John Glotfelty and Troy Moore.

The Cyclones finished fourth in the conference last season defensively and must continue in that vein to be successful again. Cornerback Marcus Robertson, end Matt Rehberg and linebacker Larry Ratiag give Walden a strong foundation.

The one thing Walden feels he must avoid is putting too much pressure on Bryant while giving Pedersen room to grow.

"What I would like for him to have is an unsurprising equal year," Walden said of Bryant. "I think if Blaise Bryant scores 20 touchdowns and rushes for 1,500 yards, that will probably be catalyst enough offensively to carry us to what conceivably could be 7-4 numbers."

OKLAHOMA STATE

Coach: Pat Jones (48-22, 6 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Big Eight: 3-4/5th.

Key losses: Brandon Colbert, DT; Brent Davis, OG; Sim Drain, LB; Jarrod Green, FL; Mike Gundy, QB; Rod Smith, S; Vance Vice, TE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Josh Arrott, T, 6-5/270, Jr.; Scott Copeland, TE, 6-3/230, Soph.; *Gerald Hudson, TB, 5-9/200, Sr.; Matt Jose, G, 6-4/270, Fr. (RS); Robert Kirksey, FL, 6-0/183, Jr.; *Curtis Mayfield, WR, 6-0/172, Sr.; *Keith Roller, T, 6-2/260, Soph.; *Pete Surette, C, 6-2/260, Jr.; *Scott Webb, G, 6-4/275, Sr.; Earl Wheeler, QB, 6-2/190, Soph.; *Cecil Wilson, FB, 5-10/225, Sr. **Defense:** Richie Ansley, OLB, 6-1/215, Fr. (RS); *George Bright, OLB, 6-3/220, Soph.; *Mike Clark, CB, 5-10/195, Jr.; Mike Filson, T, 6-5/265, Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma); *Jay Fleischman, S, 5-10/196, Jr.; *Joe King, CB, 6-2/200, Sr.; Clarence Nobles, ILB, 6-1/215, Fr. (RS); Ruben Oliver, NG, 5-11/242, Sr.; *Stacey Satterwhite, T, 6-6/262, Jr.; Charles Verner, S, 6-2/180, Fr.; *Mike Woolridge, ILB, 6-3/230, Soph.

Other key players: Cary Blanchard, K, Sr.; Brian Bobo, OG, Jr. (JC); David Brooks, NG, Soph.; Vernon Brown, TB, Sr.; Kenny Ford, QB, Jr.; Charles Johnson, FL, Fr. (RS); Brent Parker, SE, Sr.; *Bobby Raynor, LB, Jr.; Chris Smith, QB, Sr.; Mark Walker, TE, Jr.

Schedule: Tulsa, Sept. 1; at Florida, Sept. 8; Northern Iowa, Sept. 15; at Texas Christian, Sept. 22; Oklahoma, Oct. 6; at Kansas State, Oct. 13; at Nebraska, Oct. 20; Missouri, Oct. 27; Kansas, Nov. 3; at Colorado, Nov. 10; at Iowa State, Nov. 18.

Nickname: Cowboys.

Site: Stillwater, Okla.

The trap door opened on the Cowboys and Coach Pat Jones last year. First Heisman Trophy-winning running back Barry Sanders left early for the National Football League, then Oklahoma State got hit with a three-year NCAA probation. The Cowboys capped it all by skidding to 4-7—Jones' first losing season in six years.

It won't get any easier in 1990. Mike Gundy, the mainstay at quarterback the last four years, is now a coach. His replacement figures to be Earl Wheeler, a



Oklahoma State's Gerald Hudson rates among the Big Eight's best tailbacks.

third-year sophomore who spent most of his spring in a Cowboys baseball uniform.

Also gone is Coker, the brains behind Oklahoma State's passing offense. He will be replaced by Jeff Bower, a former quarterback and coach at Southern Mississipi.

Jones is not devoid of talent.

Wide receiver Curtis Mayfield and tailback Gerald Hudson are among the best in the conference at their positions. Fullback Cecil Wilson will join Hudson in the backfield, and they will run behind the blocks of experienced linemen Josh Arrott (tackle), Keith Roller (tackle), Scott Webb (guard) and Pete Surette (center).

The defense returns eight starters and should be respectable.

Tackle Stacey Satterwhite and nose-guard Ruben Oliver anchor a solid front wall with linebacker Mike Woolridge, cornerback Mike Clark and safety Jay Fleischman lending ample support.

Cary Blanchard, who connected on 20 of 26 field-goal tries last season, should rank among the best placekickers in the country.

The season, which leads off with Tulsa and a trip to Florida, should evolve around the progress of Wheeler. Considering his lack of experience and his non-participation in spring drills, life after Gundy might mean more running.

"I think it depends on what the complexion of the quarterback is," Jones said. "We're doing some more things throwing the ball but, again, it will be a real tough call until we see what the quarterback situation is. He (Wheeler) didn't play spring ball, so it's tough to make a call on what he'll do."

KANSAS

Coach: Glen Mason (5-17, 2 years; 17-27 overall, 4 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Big Eight: 2-5/6th.

Key losses: John Baker, TE; Deral Boykin, S; Kelly Donohoe, QB; Brad Fleeman, K; John Fritch, OG; Bill Hundelt, OT; B.J. Lohson, P; Dan Newbrough, LB; Quintin Smith, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Chip Budde, C, 6-2/265, Sr.; *Maurice Douglas, FB, 5-10/195, Jr.; *Kenny Drayton, WR, 6-0/175, Jr.; Chad Fette, TE, 6-3/220, Soph.; Chip Hilleary, QB, 6-1/180, Soph.; Scott Imwalle, G, 6-2/260, Soph.; Keith Loneker, T, 6-3/325, Soph.; Jim New, WR, 6-0/185, Jr.; Christopher Perez, T, 6-5/280, Jr.; Tony Sands, TB, 5-6/180, Jr.; Al Satches, G, 6-0/245, Soph. **Defense:** *Hassan Bailey, CB, 5-11/190, Soph.; *Gilbert Brown, T, 6-1/295, Soph.; Brian Christian, T, 6-4/264, Fr. (RS); Marc Ettrick, E, 6-4/235, Fr.; *Lance Flachsbarth, E, 6-5/235, Jr.; Tim Hill, CB, 5-8/160, Jr.; Curtis Moore, ILB, 6-1/235, Sr. (missed '89/knee); Matt Nolen, MG, 5-9/243, Jr.; *Jason Priest, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; Pat Rogan, ILB, 6-2/220, Soph.; *Doug Terry, CB, 5-11/177, Jr.

Other key players: Russ Bowen, OT, Jr.; *Paul Friday, S, Jr.; *David Gordon, DT, Sr.; Maurice Hooks, FB, Sr.; *Gary Oatis, DT, Sr.; *Roger Robben, LB, Jr.; *Wes Swinford, LB, Soph.; Robert Vaughn, CB, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: Virginia, Sept. 1; Oregon State, Sept. 8; at Louisville, Sept. 15; at Oklahoma, Sept. 29; at Iowa State, Oct. 6; at Miami (Fla.), Oct. 13; Colorado, Oct. 20; Kansas State, Oct. 27; at Oklahoma State, Nov. 3; Nebraska, Nov. 10; Missouri, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Jayhawks.

Site: Lawrence, Kan.

It was not a bad second season for Jayhawks Coach Glen Mason, the tough former Ohio State player and assistant who took over a program down in numbers and confidence. He won his 1989 opener, 41-17 over Montana State, beat his former team, Kent State, and then defeated rivals Kansas State and Missouri to finish sixth in the conference standings.

What now? Well, it appears the Jayhawks' fortunes are on the rise. Mason is bringing in an excellent batch of recruits and he returns 16 starters, 10 of whom play defense. And his offensive backfield, featuring Tony Sands and Maurice Douglas, ranks among the best in the conference.

So why pick Kansas so low? Because there are questions at several key positions.

Start with quarterback, where Chip Hilleary, an inexperienced sophomore, will be asked to start. Go to wide receiver, where Kenny Drayton will be asked to replace Quintin Smith, the Big Eight's second-leading pass catcher last season. Look at the Jayhawks' depleted kicking game.

The offensive strength is Sands, who rushed last year for 1,109 yards, many of them coming behind the blocks of fullback Douglas. They will be operating behind an experienced line that returns Christopher Perez at tackle, Scott Imwalle at guard and Chip Budde at center.

Experience also is the operative word for a defense that returns virtually intact. The top returnees are 295-pound sophomore tackle Gilbert Brown, linebackers Roger Robben and Curtis Moore and cor-

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SCOUTING THE BIG EIGHT

Iron man: Kansas center Chip Budde broke a personal streak of 1,906 consecutive offensive snaps, dating to his sophomore season, when roommate Jim Holt relieved him against Colorado last season.

Impact newcomers: Victor Bailey, WR, Missouri, Soph. (transfer/Texas-El Paso); Jerome Pipkins, DB, Oklahoma, Jr. (JC); Rico Smith, WR, Colorado, Jr. (JC); Pat Rogan, LB, Kansas, Soph. (transfer/Ohio State).

Program of the '90s: Missouri. Yes, Colorado's current roster is as talented as any in the country and will continue to be a power in the '90s. And no, Nebraska and Oklahoma are not leaving the Big Eight. But Bob Stull's Tigers will give the league a foursome of Top 20 programs.

Bruise Brothers: Kansas will field one of the nation's most talented and intimidating inside-out linebacking duos. Inside man Curtis Moore, who was sidelined last season with a knee injury after registering a Big Eight-high 170 tackles in 1988, is aggressive and reckless. On the outside, Ohio State transfer Pat Rogan hits hard enough to change a man's hair color.

Colorado trio: The Buffaloes boast three of the finest special-teams players in the country in David Brown, Mike Motley and Paul Rose.

Shades of Broderick and the Boz: Missouri tight end Tim Bruton and defensive tackle Mario Johnson can talk as well as play with the best. Both are vocal and flamboyant on the field. Johnson is a self-proclaimed destroyer who



Missouri's Bob Stull

believes he can beat opponents single-handedly.

Best bets: The Big Eight's second division will produce fewer non-conference wins over Division I-A opponents than the second divisions of every other I-A league except the Big West and Mid-American. Colorado will win the league title with fewer overall wins than Nebraska. Iowa State Coach Jim Walden will cry that he lacks the depth to compete with the league's big boys. Missouri's Bruton will be among the first 10 players selected in the 1991 National Football League draft.

Two-sport star: Iowa State cornerback Marcus Robertson is an outfielder in the Cleveland Indians' minor league system.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Blaise Bryant, Iowa State, 137.8 yds.pg (299 att., 1,516 yds., 19 TDs, 5.1 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Kent Kiefer, Missouri, 123.2 rating pts. (314 att., 183 comp., 2,314 yds., 12 TDs).

Total offense: Kent Kiefer, Missouri, 188.7 yds.pg (-238 yds. rushing, 2,314 yds. passing, 2,076 total yds.).

Receiving: Michael Smith, Kansas State, 6.4 rec.pg (70 rec., 816 yds., 2 TDs, 11.7 avg.).

Scoring: Blaise Bryant, Iowa State, 10.9 pts.pg (19 TDs, 6 PATs, 0 FGs, 120 pts.).

Punting: Tom Rouen, Colorado, 45.9 avg. (36 punts, 1,651 yds.).

Punt returns: Tyrone Hughes, Nebraska, 15.1 avg. (15 att., 227 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Deral Boykin, Kansas, 26.1 avg. (14 att., 365 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Cary Blanchard, Oklahoma State, 1.82 FG.pg (20/26 FGs, 76.9%).

Interceptions: Reggie Cooper, Nebraska, .40 int.pg (4 int., 25 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY

nerbacks Hassan Bailey and Doug Terry.

Some new faces to watch: redshirt linebackers Marc Ettrick and Brian Christian and junior linebacker Lance Flachsbarth, who started at quarterback two years ago.

KANSAS STATE

Coach: Bill Snyder (1-10, 1 year).

1989 record: 1-10. Big Eight: 0-7/8th.

Key losses: John Crawford, DT; Chad Faulkner, G; Alan Friedrich, TE; Erick Harper, S; Maurice Henry, DE; Tyreese Herds, CB; Will McCain, OT; Marcus Miller, S; Dimitrie Scott, CB; Paul Yniguez, C; Eric Zabelin, G.

Projected starting lineup: **Offense:** Russ Campbell, TE, 6-5/245, Jr.; Matt Conard, T, 6-7/220, Soph.; *Eric Gallon, FB, 6-1/180, Jr.; Doug Grush, T, 6-3/275, Jr.; *Frank Hernandez, WR, 6-0/185, Jr.; Eric Herrick, G, 6-4/265, Soph.; *Pat Jackson, RB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Quentin Neujahr, C, 6-4/230, Fr.; *Michael Smith, WR, 5-10/160, Jr.; *Carl Straw, QB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Doug Warren, G, 6-5/270, Jr. **Defense:** Brooks Barta, LB, 6-0/200, Soph.; *Ramon Davenport, E, 6-2/215, Sr.; Rogerick Green, CB, 6-0/180, Jr.; *Ekvensi Griffith, NT, 6-0/265, Soph.; Jody Kilian, T, 6-5/225, Soph.; C.J. Masters, S, 6-1/200, Soph.; Danny Needham, S, 6-0/200, Sr.; *Chris Patterson, LB, 6-3/235, Soph.; William Price, CB, 6-1/190, Jr.; David Sheets, E, 6-1, 200, Soph.; *Anthony Williams, T, 6-4/250, Sr.

Other key players: *Elijah Alexander, DE, Jr.; Chris Cobb, P, Sr.; *Al Jones, TE, Jr.; Mike Orr, OT, Soph.; Evan Simpson, NT, Jr.; Billy Ray Smith, DE, Sr.

Schedule: Western Illinois, Sept. 8; New Mexico State, Sept. 15; at Northern Illinois, Sept. 22; New Mexico, Sept. 29; Nebraska, Oct. 6; Oklahoma State, Oct. 13, at Missouri, Oct. 20; at Kansas, Oct. 27; Iowa State, Nov. 3; at Oklahoma, Nov. 10; at Colorado, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Manhattan, Kan.

The big news at Kansas State is three-fold: Junior Michael Smith, the best wide receiver in the Big Eight, is back after a school-record 70-catch season; Coach Bill Snyder announced he was refurbishing the locker room with oak lockers, and a basketball player walked on and could figure prominently in the Wildcats' defensive plans.

Billy Ray Smith, the 6-5, 215-pound former forward in Lon Kruger's elbows-first basketball offense, plans to use his last fall of eligibility on the football field, specifically at defensive end, where the Wildcats can use help. That fact is supported by the results of Kansas State's spring game: first-team offense 75, second-team defense going to the showers.

Kansas State senior quarterback Carl Straw was 14 of 19 for 369 yards in the game and Michael Smith caught four touchdown passes. The winners rolled up 814 yards of offense.

Now how that translates next fall with just 11 overall starters back remains to be seen.

Straw and Michael Smith are the featured offensive performers for a team that will be trying to recover from a dismal 1-10 season. Billy Ray Smith will try to crack a defensive lineup that allowed 429.8 yards per game and will struggle to even duplicate that total in 1990.

One bright spot is punter Chris Cobb, who averaged 40.2 yards per kick last season. He could get plenty of action. ■

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Best offensive line:
Colorado

Best offensive backfield:
Colorado

Best pro prospect:
Eric Bienemy, TB, Colorado

Best wide receivers:
Missouri

Best clutch receiver:
Michael Smith, Kansas State

Best defensive line:
Colorado

Best-hitting DL:
James Goode, Oklahoma

Best linebackers:
Nebraska

Best-hitting LB:
Chris Wilson, Oklahoma

Best defensive backfield:
Nebraska

Best-hitting DB:
Reggie Cooper, Nebraska

Best kicking game:
Oklahoma State

Best specialty units:
Colorado

Best special-teams player:
Hassan Bailey, Kansas

Best special-teams hitter:
Jason Belser, Oklahoma

Best coaching staff:
Nebraska

Best coach:
Tom Osborne, Nebraska

Best offensive assistant:
Dirk Koetter, Missouri

Best defensive assistant:
Bob Cope, Kansas State

Best Heisman candidate:
Darian Hagan, QB, Colorado

Bo's gone, but Wolverines' muscle still evident

By STEVE KORNACKI
Detroit Free Press

Most of the names that lit up the Big Ten Conference marquee a year ago have come down.

And what a cast of characters they represented.

Star billing went to Illinois quarterback Jeff George, who forfeited his final season of collegiate eligibility and emerged as the No. 1 selection in the National Football League draft last spring. Other headliners included Minnesota running back Darrell Thompson, a first-round draft pick of the Green Bay Packers; Indiana's Anthony Thompson, who ran for 4,965 career yards and established an NCAA Division I-A record with 377 yards rushing in one game; and Michigan State linebacker Percy Snow.

All have moved on to the professional ranks.

The league's only returning consensus All-Americans play defense: Moe Gardner of Illinois, a nose tackle, and Tripp Welborne of Michigan, a strong safety.

"It's hard to say who the stars will be this year," Northwestern Coach Francis Peay said.

Peay himself has 1,000-yard gainers in fullback Bob Christian and split end Richard Buchanan, but they played for a winless Wildcats team in 1989 and lack the television exposure necessary for stardom.

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. MICHIGAN

There's so much talent on hand that anything short of a national title will be disappointing.

2. ILLINOIS

The nation's finest defense will give the offense ample time to jell.

3. OHIO STATE

The Buckeyes boast a number of big-play men on both sides of the ball.

4. MICHIGAN STATE

The great Big Ten coaches of yesteryear would've loved the Spartans. They win ugly.

5. IOWA

Significant changes on Hayden Fry's staff make the Hawkeyes somewhat of an enigma.

6. INDIANA

Remember the name Vaughn Dunbar. He'll be the focal point of a well-drilled team.

7. PURDUE

The Boilermakers are slowly progressing. Improved line play is their key to success.

8. MINNESOTA

The Golden Gophers field a respectable starting 22, but there's not much behind them.

9. WISCONSIN

This program bears watching with the addition of first-year Coach Barry Alvarez.

10. NORTHWESTERN

The Wildcats have no more than six starters with Big Ten-type talent.



Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac is expected to make a smooth transition to the No. 1 job.

Others more likely to be the Big Ten glitter boys of 1990 are Ohio State fullback Scottie Graham and Buckeyes pass catcher Jeff Graham, Purdue quarterback Eric Hunter, Illinois fullback Howard Griffith, Iowa quarterback Matt Rodgers and Michigan State wide receiver Courtney Hawkins.

Or will freshman running backs steal the show? Potentially explosive newcomers include Sebastian Small of Michigan State, Robert Smith of Ohio State and Ricky Powers of Michigan.

MICHIGAN

Coach: Gary Moeller (first year at Michigan; 6-24-3 overall, 3 years).

1989 record: 10-2 (lost to Southern Cal in Rose Bowl). Big Ten: 8-0/1st.

Key losses: Bobby Abrams, LB; Chris Calloway, FL; J.J. Grant, LB; Greg McMurtry, SE; Michael Taylor, QB; Mike Teeter, MG; Derrick Walker, TE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Derrick Alexander, WR, 6-2/169, Soph.; Jarrod Bunch, FB, 6-2/241, Sr.; *Dean Dingman, G, 6-2/292, Sr.; *Tom Dohring, T, 6-7/290, Sr.; *Matt Elliott, G, 6-3/269, Sr.; *Steve Everitt, C, 6-5/270, Jr.; Elvis Grbac, QB, 6-5/220, Soph.; Desmond Howard, FL, 5-9/170, Soph.; Allen Jefferson, TB, 6-0/206, Sr.; Tony McGee, TE, 6-4/231, Soph.; *Greg Skrepnek, T, 6-6/320, Jr. **Defense:** *Erick Anderson, ILB, 6-1/234, Jr.; Chris Bohn, ILB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Martin Davis, OLB, 6-3/234, Soph.; *Lance Dottin, CB, 6-3/196, Sr.; *Mike Evans, T, 6-3/250, Sr.; *Chris Hutchinson, T, 6-2/260, Soph.; *David Key, CB, 5-10/198, Sr.; *Alex Marshall, OLB, 6-4/241, Jr.; *Vada Murray, S, 6-3/193, Sr.; T.J. Osman, MG, 6-3/263, Sr.; *Tripp Welborne, S, 6-0/221, Sr.

Other key players: *Tony Boles, WR/RB, Sr.; J.D. Carlson, K, Jr.; Dave Diebolt, TE, Jr.; Burnie Legette, FB, Soph.; John Milligan, LB, Sr.; Doug Musgrave, QB, Fr. (RS); Todd Plate, CB, Sr.; Ricky Powers,

TB, Fr.; Neil Simpson, LB, Sr.; Sylvester Stanley, DT, Soph.; Jon Vaughn, TB, Soph.; Otis Williams, DB.

Schedule: At Notre Dame, Sept. 15; UCLA, Sept. 22; Maryland, Sept. 29; at Wisconsin, Oct. 6; Michigan State, Oct. 13; Iowa, Oct. 20; at Indiana, Oct. 27; at Purdue, Nov. 3; Illinois, Nov. 10; Minnesota, Nov. 17; at Ohio State, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Wolverines.

Site: Ann Arbor, Mich.

The coach on the sidelines in Ann Arbor will be different this fall, but the team on the field will strongly resemble the kind put together by his predecessor.

Gary Moeller takes over for Bo Schembechler, who won 194 games in 21 seasons at Michigan, and Moeller isn't expected to miss a beat as the Wolverines attempt to become the first team in Big Ten history to win three consecutive outright league championships.

Moeller, who has spent 18 of the last 21 years as a Michigan assistant (three seasons as head coach at Illinois were sandwiched between two stints as a Wolverine aide), boosts an offensive line and a secondary that are first-rate.

Tackles Greg Skrepnek (a 320-pounder) and Tom Dohring, guards Dean Dingman and Matt Elliott and center Steve Everitt have opened the running lanes with consistency. Moeller said their improvement as pass-blockers was the highlight of spring practice.

"We've lost every starter at the skill positions, except our fullback, Jarrod Bunch," Moeller said. "They are going to have to hold blocks a fraction of a second longer to help the new guys. Our line has to be leaders and they made real strides

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

(in the spring)—especially Skrepnak."

Quarterback Elvis Grbac, who played well during the first half of last season as a replacement for injured starter Michael Taylor, is expected to make a smooth transition to the No. 1 job. And Desmond (Magic) Howard and Derrick Alexander possess all the prime requisites except experience at the wide-receiver slots.

"Running back is our big question mark," Moeller said.

Tony Boles, the Wolverines' leading rusher last season with 839 yards, is coming off reconstructive knee surgery. Even if he is available—and that's highly questionable—Boles figures to move from tailback to wide receiver, a position that would ease the wear and tear on the knee and at the same time provide room to operate.

Moeller is counting on Allen Jefferson or Jon Vaughn to take over Boles' old spot.

Vaughn had a strong spring, but don't rule out the possible emergence of freshman Ricky Powers, who was a sensation in the Akron, O., high school ranks.

Eight key players return on defense, including aggressive inside linebacker Erick Anderson, outside linebacker Alex Marshall and two fast-blooming sophomores: tackle Chris Hutchinson and outside linebacker Martin Davis.

It's the secondary, though, that attracts particular attention. Strong safety Tripp Welborne was a consensus All-America in 1989 and will be a strong contender this fall for the Jim Thorpe Award, which goes to the nation's best defensive back. Free safety Vada Murray and cornerback David Key also are gifted players.

Another key weapon for Michigan is place-kicker J.D. Carlson.

ILLINOIS

Coach: John Mackovic (16-7-1, 2 years; 30-27-1 overall, 5 years).

1989 record: 10-2 (beat Virginia in Florida Citrus Bowl). Big Ten: 7-1/2nd.

Key losses: Mike Bellamy, SE; Jeff George, QB; Steve Glasson, LB; Craig Schneider, OT; Brian Williams, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Howard Griffith, FB, 5-10/227, Sr.; *Frank Hartley, TE, 6-2/264, Sr.; *Tony Laster, T, 6-3/269, Jr.; *Wagner Lester, RB, 6-2/211, Soph.; *Curtis Lovelace, C, 6-3/271, Sr.; *Cam Pepper, G, 6-5/280, Sr.; James Pesek, T, 6-4/286, Fr.; *Tim Simpson, G, 6-2/298, Jr.; Jason Verduco, QB, 5-9/186, Soph.; *Shawn Wax, SE, 6-4/180, Sr.; John Wright, FL, 6-0/184, Soph. **Defense:** *Mel Agee, OLB, 6-4/287, Sr.; *Romero Brice, OLB, 6-3/216, Sr.; *Derrick Brownlow, ILB, 5-10/233, Sr.; *Moe Gardner, NT, 6-2/250, Sr.; *Chris Green, CB, 5-11/191, Sr.; Bill Henkel, ILB, 6-1/211, Sr.; *Henry Jones, CB, 6-0/195, Sr.; *Quintin Parker, S, 6-1/195, Sr.; *Marlon Primous, S, 6-2/209, Jr.; *Sean Streeter, T, 6-3/260, Jr.; John Wachter, T, 6-2/249, Sr.

Other key players: Julyon Brown, LB, Jr.; Steve Feagin, RB, Soph.; Jeff Finke, TE, Sr.; Erik Fogey, DT, Soph.; Doug Higgins, K, Sr.; J.J. O'Laughlin, QB, Fr.

Schedule: At Arizona, Sept. 8; Colorado, Sept. 15; Southern Illinois, Sept. 22; at Ohio State, Oct. 6; Purdue, Oct. 13; Michigan State, Oct. 20; at Wisconsin, Oct. 27; Iowa, Nov. 3; at Michigan, Nov. 10; at Indiana, Nov. 17; Northwestern, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Fighting Illini.

Site: Champaign, Ill.

The quarterback dropping back in the pocket at Illinois no longer has NFL scouts drooling. But Coach John Mackovic didn't push the panic button when Jeff George opted to enter the pro draft before his senior season.

Yet, Mackovic isn't kidding himself, either. Jason Verduco, a 5-foot-9, 186-pound sophomore, is hardly comparable to George (6-4, 210)—in stature or talent.

"Jason is a terrific competitor and more of a scrambler than Jeff," Mackovic allowed. "But our dimension is different."

Verduco boosted Illini hopes with a good effort in the intrasquad game that capped spring drills—he completed 22 of 30 passes for 274 yards—but knows others are waiting in the wings should he slip up. For instance, Mackovic plans to give heralded freshman J.J. O'Laughlin playing time in non-conference games.

"We must make sure (our) quarterback comes along," Mackovic said.

Other areas appear super-solid.

Mackovic calls fullback Howard Griffith "the best all-around back in the country," and sophomore tailbacks Wagner Lester and Steve Feagin are impressive.

Center Curtis Lovelace, whom Mackovic describes as a coach on the field, and tight end Frank Hartley are stalwarts along a veteran line.

Split end Mike Bellamy (51 catches) is gone, but Shawn Wax figures to come into prominence at a wide-receiver spot. Wax has ideal size at 6-4.

The defense could be the conference's

best. It is spearheaded by consensus All-America noseguard Moe Gardner and undersized-but-never-overmatched linebacker Darrick Brownlow.

"Moe and Darrick still are developing," said Mackovic, who has won two straight conference Coach of the Year awards. "I see small increases in strength, durability and speed. Moe is the best player at his position, and could be the best at any position."

Four other standouts—outside linebacker Mel Agee (a 287-pounder), free safety Marlon Primous and cornerbacks Henry Jones and Chris Green—also wreak havoc.

"Our secondary is excellent," said Mackovic, whose Jones/Green tandem may be without equal nationwide. "It's talented, intelligent and loaded with hitters."

OHIO STATE

Coach: John Cooper (12-10-1, 2 years; 94-50-3 overall, 13 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (lost to Auburn in Hall of Fame Bowl). Big Ten: 6-2/T3rd.

Key losses: David Brown, CB; Karl Coles, G; Jeff Davidson, G; Zack Dumas, S; Derek Isaman, LB; Tim Moxley, OT; Jim Palmer, TE; Mike Showalter, DT; Carlos Snow, TB (out for season due to hip surgery); Joe Staysniak, OT; Srecko Zizakovic, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Dan Beatty, C, 6-4/275, Sr.; *Greg Beatty, SE, 5-11/175, Soph.; Jeff Ellis, TE, 6-4/250, Sr.; *Greg Frey, QB, 6-2/195, Sr.; Len Hartman, G, 6-2/270, Fr. (RS); *Jeff Graham, FL, 6-2/195, Sr.; *Scottie Graham, FB, 5-10/225, Jr.; Dante Lee, TB, 5-10/175, Soph.;



Illinois' defense, best in the Big Ten, is spearheaded by undersized-but-never-overmatched linebacker Darrick Brownlow.



Guard Eric Moten just might give Michigan State another All-America offensive lineman in 1990.

ability."

Linebackers John Kacherski and Andy Gurd are coming back from injuries and should bolster the defense.

MICHIGAN STATE

Coach: George Perles (46-33-3, 7 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (beat Hawaii in Aloha Bowl).
Big Ten: 6-2/T3rd.

Key losses: Harlon Barnett, S; Travis Davis, DT; Ventson Donelson, CB; Blake Ezor, TB; Bob Kula, OT; Steve Montgomery, FB; Tim Ridinger, DT; Percy Snow, LB; Matt Vanderbeek, DE; Chris Willertz, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *James Bradley, WR, 6-0/197, Sr.; Tico Duckett, TB, 5-10/185, Soph.; *Dan Enos, QB, 6-1/190, Sr.; *Courtney Hawkins, FL, 5-9/181, Jr.; Toby Heaton, T, 6-6/280, Soph.; *Jim Johnson, T, 6-5/295, Jr.; *Matt Keller, G, 6-4/280, Sr.; *Eric Moten, G, 6-3/285, Sr.; *Jeff Pearson, C, 6-3/265, Sr.; Rob Roy, FB, 5-11/235, Soph.; *Duane Young, TE, 6-2/256, Sr. **Defense:** Cliff Confer, T, 6-3/263, Sr.; *Dixon Edwards, OLB, 6-1/210, Sr.; *Alan Haller, CB, 5-11/188, Jr.; *Mike Iaquinello, S, 6-4/205, Sr.; *Carlos Jenkins, OLB, 6-5/215, Sr.; Bill Johnson, E, 6-4/271, Jr.; Brian Jones, ILB, 6-1/226, Sr.; John MacNeill, E, 6-4/245, Jr. (transfer/New Hampshire); Todd Murray, CB, 6-0/191, Soph.; Bobby Wilson, T, 6-2/278, Sr.; Freddie Wilson, S, 5-11/198, Sr.

Other key players: Tony Briningstool, LB, Jr.; Chuck Bullough, LB, Jr.; Josh Butland, P, Jr.; Rob Frederickson, LB, Fr. (RS); Hyland Hickson, TB, Sr.; Mike Hill, DT, Soph. (RS/medical); Brian Howard, SE, Soph. (Prop 48); John Langeloh, K, Sr.; Corey Pryor, CB, Jr.; Scott Selzer, TB, Jr.; Sebastian Small, TB, Fr.; Brian Smolinski, FL (RS);

Brian Vooletich, S, Jr.; Eric White, DE, Soph.

Schedule: At Syracuse, Sept. 15; Notre Dame, Sept. 22; at Rutgers, Sept. 29; Iowa, Oct. 6; at Michigan, Oct. 13; at Illinois, Oct. 20; Purdue, Oct. 27; Indiana, Nov. 3; at Minnesota, Nov. 10; at Northwestern, Nov. 17; Wisconsin, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Spartans.

Site: East Lansing, Mich.

Published reports alleging steroid use on recent Michigan State teams helped make for a controversial off-season.

"Our players have heard that (steroid rumors) for so many years," Coach George Perles said. "It hasn't bothered them and they don't say much about it. But anytime any controversy develops, all you can do is work hard. That's what we intend to do."

Perles would rather talk about senior quarterback Dan Enos. An obscure-but-perseverant player before last season, Enos exceeded Perles' expectations by throwing for 1,950 yards. Now, Enos is looking to turn it up a notch.

"Danny has gained confidence from success," Perles said. "That was all he had lacked. He has a strong arm and his knowledge of the game is sound. Danny does a lot with audibles and the gray matter."

Then there's the matter of Courtney Hawkins, a blur (4.3-second speed over 40

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**OFFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Scottie Graham
Ohio State FB



**DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Moe Gardner
Illinois NG

**OFFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Vaughn Dunbar
Indiana RB

**DEFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Mike Wells
Iowa NT

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	RICHARD BUCHANAN, Northwestern	5-11/176	Sr.
WR	JEFF GRAHAM, Ohio State	6-2/195	Sr.
WR	*COURNEY HAWKINS, Michigan State	5-9/181	Jr.
TE	JEFF ELLIS, Ohio State	6-4/250	Sr.
T	TOM DOHRING, Michigan	6-7/290	Sr.
T	GREG SKREPENAK, Michigan	6-6/320	Jr.
C	DAN BEATTY, Ohio State	6-4/275	Sr.
G	DEAN DINGMAN, Michigan	6-2/292	Sr.
G	ERIC MOTEN, Michigan State	6-3/285	Sr.
QB	ERIC HUNTER, Purdue	6-4/198	Soph.
FB	SCOTTIE GRAHAM, Ohio State	5-10/225	Jr.
RB	ALLEN JEFFERSON, Michigan	6-0/206	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MOE GARDNER, Illinois	6-2/250	Sr.
DL	MEL AGEE, Illinois	6-4/287	Sr.
DL	DON DAVEY, Wisconsin	6-4/257	Sr.
DL	JIM JOHNSON, Iowa	6-3/270	Sr.
DL	ALONZO SPELLMAN, Ohio State	6-6/255	Soph.
ILB	DARRICK BROWNLOW, Illinois	5-10/233	Sr.
ILB	DARRIN TRIEB, Purdue	6-2/228	Sr.
OLB	CARLOS JENKINS, Michigan State	6-5/215	Sr.
OLB	ALEX MARSHALL, Michigan	6-4/241	Jr.
CB	CHRIS GREEN, Illinois	5-11/191	Sr.
CB	HENRY JONES, Illinois	6-0/195	Sr.
S	MARLON PRIMOUS, Illinois	6-2/209	Jr.
S	TRIPP WELBORNE, Michigan	6-0/221	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JOHN LANGELOH, Michigan State	6-2/180	Sr.
P	JOSH BUTLAND, Michigan State	6-5/245	Jr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	EDDIE THOMAS, Indiana	6-0/190	Jr.
WR	SHAWN WAX, Illinois	6-4/180	Sr.
TE	FRANK HARTLEY, Illinois	6-2/264	Sr.
T	TOBY HEATON, Michigan State	6-6/280	Soph.
T	JIM JOHNSON, Michigan State	6-5/295	Jr.
C	CURTIS LOVELACE, Illinois	6-3/271	Sr.
G	JASON CEGIELSKI, Purdue	6-1/265	Sr.
G	TIM SIMPSON, Illinois	6-2/298	Jr.
QB	MATT RODGERS, Iowa	6-4/205	Jr.
FB	JARROD BUNCH, Michigan	6-2/241	Sr.
RB	VAUGHN DUNBAR, Indiana	6-0/203	Jr.
FB	*HOWARD GRIFFITH, Illinois	5-10/227	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	LARRY McDANIEL, Indiana	6-3/230	Soph.
DL	NOLAN HARRISON, Indiana	6-6/282	Sr.
DL	CHRIS HUTCHINSON, Michigan	6-2/260	Soph.
DL	MATT RUHLAND, Iowa	6-5/273	Sr.
DL	MIKE SUNVOLD, Minnesota	6-4/255	Sr.
ILB	ERICK ANDERSON, Michigan	6-1/234	Jr.
ILB	STEVE TOVAR, Ohio State	6-4/230	Soph.
OLB	DIXON EDWARDS, Michigan State	6-1/210	Sr.
OLB	MARTIN DAVIS, Michigan	6-3/234	Soph.
CB	DAVID KEY, Michigan	5-10/198	Sr.
CB	TROY VINCENT, Wisconsin	6-0/182	Jr.
S	MIKE DUMAS, Indiana	6-0/178	Sr.
S	VADA MURRAY, Michigan	6-3/193	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	J.D. CARLSON, Michigan	5-10/179	Jr.
P	MACKY SMITH, Indiana	5-10/174	Sr.

yards) who averaged 18 yards per catch last season.

"Courtney has all the tools of our other great receivers," Perles said, "but his attitude and smarts really stand out. He gets an 'A' there."

Perles expects to replace tailback Blake Ezor, the Big Ten's No. 2 rusher last year, with holdover Tico Duckett, who averaged 5.8 yards on 99 carries. Hyland Hickson, another returnee, will be pushing for a job. And newcomer Sebastian Small will bid for playing time.

"Duckett is a cutback runner who breaks tackles and is dangerous down-field," Perles said. "Hyland complements him as a power runner."

Everyone except tackle Bob Kula returns on the offensive line. While Kula will be sorely missed—he was a consensus All-America—guard Eric Moten just might give Michigan State another All-America offensive lineman in 1990.

"We're pretty good there," Perles said of the Spartans' front wall. "Last year's problem is this year's blessing. Last year, Kula was our only starter back."

Perles said departing middle linebacker Percy Snow is the toughest player he's ever had to replace. And after losing all four starting defensive linemen, it will be difficult to cover inexperience at the key position in Michigan State's 4-3 stunt alignment.

"We'll go with Brian Jones or Charlie Bullough in there (at Snow's spot)," Perles said. "Both are tough, but they have big shoes to fill. What nobody can match is

the great speed Percy had over the first 10 yards."

Perles is counting on outside linebackers Dixon Edwards and Carlos Jenkins and cornerback Alan Haller to make major contributions.

"We've got to maintain our defense, especially against the run," said Perles, whose team led the conference last season in fewest rushing yards allowed (an average of 95.4 per game), total defense (280.5 yards an outing) and scoring defense (13.6-point average).

The Spartans boast the league's best kicking game in punter Josh Butland and placement man John Langeloh.

IOWA

Coach: Hayden Fry (82-46-4, 11 years; 171-135-8 overall, 28 years).

1989 record: 5-6. Big Ten: 3-5/T6th.

Key losses: Bill Anderson, C; Richard Bass, FB; George Hawthorne, OT; Jeff Koeppl, NG; George Murphy, K; John Palmer, TE; Jim Poynton, G; Brad Quast, LB; Travis Watkins, WR; Anthony Wright, DB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Greg Aegeuter, G, 6-4/285, Soph.; *Bob Baxley, T, 6-5/280, Jr.; *Nick Bell, RB, 6-3/255, Sr.; *Scott Davis, T, 6-4/270, Soph.; Mike Devlin, C, 6-3/275, Soph.; Jon Filloon, WR, 6-0/180, Jr.; *Dana Hughes, WR, 6-2/195, Soph.; Lew Montgomery, FB, 6-0/212, Soph.; *Matt Rodgers, QB, 6-4/205, Jr.; Michael Titley, TE, 6-3/235, Sr.; Ted Velicer, G, 6-4/285, Soph. **Defense:** *Larry Blue, E, 6-2/235, Soph.; Gary Clark, S, 6-0/195, Jr.; Mike Dailey, LB, 6-1/220, Fr. (RS); *Jason Dumont, E, 6-4/230, Soph.; *Melvin Foster, LB, 6-3/240, Sr.; *Merton Hanks, CB, 6-2/180, Sr.; *Jim Johnson, T, 6-

3/270, Sr.; *Eddie Polly, CB, 6-0/180, Jr.; *Matt Ruhsland, T, 6-5/273, Sr.; Mike Wells, NT, 6-4/275, Fr. (RS); *Brian Wise, S, 6-2/215, Jr.

Other key players: Maurea Crain, DE, Fr. (RS); Ron Davis, NT, Jr.; John Derby, LB, Jr.; Willie Guy, WR, Fr.; Jim Hartlieb, QB, Soph.; Harold Jasper, WR, Fr.; Jim Huisack, P, Soph.; Marvin Lampkin, RB, Soph.; Scott Plate, CB, Fr. (RS); Kevin Quast, LB, Soph.; Moses Santos, DE, Jr.; Mike Saunders, RB, Jr. (switched from WR); Jeff Skillet, K, Jr.; Leroy Smith, DE, Jr.; Tony Stewart, RB, Sr.

Schedule: Cincinnati, Sept. 15; Iowa State, Sept. 22; at Miami (Fla.), Sept. 29; at Michigan State, Oct. 6; Wisconsin, Oct. 13; at Michigan, Oct. 20; Northwestern, Oct. 27; at Illinois, Nov. 3; Ohio State, Nov. 10; Purdue, Nov. 17; at Minnesota, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Hawkeyes.

Site: Iowa City, Ia.

Hayden Fry examined his team's 5-6 record of a year ago and then looked in the mirror.

"I went back and re-evaluated every aspect of our program," Fry said. "I mean, I looked at the halftime speeches and pre-game meals. But I decided it was not the system that was wrong."

"A lot of what went wrong, we had no control over. We'd lost 22 players—including 16 fifth-year players—the year before. Guys like Chuck Hartlieb, Marv Cook and Dave Haight aren't easily replaced in terms of ability or leadership."

Fry said having tailback Tony Stewart back in the fold should stabilize the running game and at the same time ease the pressure on quarterback Matt Rodgers.

The Hawkeyes finished ninth in the conference in rushing last year, averaging only 3.3 yards per carry. Stewart, a

1,036-yard rusher as a sophomore in 1988, was hampered last season by the after-effects of major knee surgery and gained only 356 yards. Nick Bell emerged as the Hawkeyes' top ballcarrier (603 yards) and he'll be back in '90.

"Tony is really competitive and tried to do too much too soon last year," Fry said. "But he's completely healthy now and will team with Nick to give us a strong running game."

"Add that our defense had a falloff, and you see what a load an inexperienced quarterback like Rodgers had to carry. We also audibilize more than any team in America, and Matt has vastly improved his knowledge of our attack and his mechanics. Even his arm is stronger."

Rodgers, who threw for 2,222 yards (12 touchdowns, 13 interceptions) last fall, will have two new targets in '90 in freshman speedsters Willie Guy and Harold Jasper.

"This may be the best freshman class we've ever had," said Fry, entering his 12th season in Iowa City. "And Guy and Jasper are two who will make impacts."

Jim Johnson and Matt Ruhland could be the conference's top defensive-tackle tandem, and noseguard Mike Wells, a red-shirt freshman, has the capacity to tear up the league. Inside linebacker Melvin Foster and cornerback Merton Hanks also are standouts.

"I know we'll be better and feel positive about that," said Fry, now the dean of Big Ten coaches in the wake of Schembechler's departure from Michigan.

INDIANA

Coach: Bill Mallory (31-36-1, 6 years; 130-88-2 overall, 20 years).

1989 record: 5-6. Big Ten: 3-5/T6th.

Key losses: Ian Beckles, G; Todd Oberdorf, OT; Terry Saunders, TE; Dave Schnell, QB; Anthony Thompson, TB; Ron Vargo, C; Joe Zeigler, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Scott Boatman, C, 6-5/270, Soph.; Vaughn Dunbar, TB, 6-0/203, Jr.; Chris Dyer, QB, 6-2/193, Fr.; *Jeff Marx, G, 6-2/276, Sr.; *Scott McGowan, WR, 5-11/190, Soph.; *Cal Miller, FB, 5-11/239, Sr.; Troy Newton, G, 6-2/282, Jr.; *Randy Schneider, T, 6-5/286, Jr.; Eddie Thomas, WR, 6-0/190, Jr.; Phil Trinter, T, 6-6/281, Soph.; Todd Walker, TE, 6-4/245, Jr. **Defense:** *Dave Ane, S, 5-11/200, Sr.; *Mike Dumas, S, 6-0/178, Sr.; *Greg Farrall, OLB, 6-2/226, Jr.; *Mark Hagen, ILB, 6-3/229, Jr.; *Nolan Harrison, T, 6-6/282, Sr.; Brian Hunnicut, T, 6-4/260, Sr.; *Greg Mason, OLB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Larry McDaniel, NG, 6-3/230, Soph.; John Miller, ILB, 6-1/208, Fr.; *Mike Middleton, CB, 5-11/200, Soph.; Mose Richardson, CB, 6-2/185, Fr.

Other key players: Scott Bonnell, K, Soph.; Trent Green, QB, Soph.; Macky Smith, P, Sr.; Jim Summerville, S, Jr.; Ernie Thompson, TB, Jr.; Todd Walker, TE, Jr.; Paul Williams, LB, Jr.

Schedule: At Kentucky, Sept. 15; Missouri, Sept. 22; Eastern Michigan, Sept. 29; at Northwestern, Oct. 6; Ohio State, Oct. 13; at Minnesota, Oct. 20; Michigan, Oct. 27; at Michigan State, Nov. 3; Wisconsin, Nov. 10; Illinois, Nov. 17; at Purdue, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Hoosiers.

Site: Bloomington, Ind.

The Hoosiers have to replace two gaping holes in their offense. Gone are tailback Anthony Thompson, runner-up for the Heisman Trophy last season, and quarterback Dave Schnell.

"We'll not find anyone who will accomplish what Anthony did," Coach Bill Mallory said. "We're just looking to get the right chemistry there, and we have a quality back ready to go in Vaughn Dunbar (a junior-college transfer who was redshirted last season)."

Schnell's replacement was expected to be holdover Trent Green, but walk-on Chris Dyer is moving center stage.

"Trent is in a battle with a real Cinderella story in Chris Dyer," Mallory said. "He (Dyer) was such an unknown in high school at Lawrenceburg (Ind.) that we didn't know him. He is a wishbone quarterback who has developed into a darn fine one."

"Dyer can fire the ball, run and is a complete quarterback. He is 6-2, 193 pounds, runs a 4.6, has a nice air about him and real poise. We've been really fortunate with walk-ons."

Guard Jeff Marx, center Scott Boatman and strong safety Dave Ane are walk-ons now playing key roles for the Hoosiers.

Last year, secondary man Mike Dumas was the only starter returning on the Hoosiers' defensive unit. This season, Dumas, a top-of-the-line player who is being shifted from cornerback to free safety, is one of nine starters back on a unit that features standout noseguard Larry McDaniels.

"We did a lot of shoring up and feel our defense is strong now," Mallory said. "We're better, especially in quickness and speed."

Inside linebacker Mark Hagen could be All-Big Ten caliber this year, and defensive tackle Nolan Harrison has unlimited potential.



A healthy Tony Stewart will give Iowa a stronger running game this season.

PURDUE

Coach: Fred Akers (10-22, 3 years; 106-66-3 overall, 15 years).

1989 record: 3-8. Big Ten: 2-6/8th.

Key losses: Bruce Brineman, OT; Dennis Dotson, DE; Bill Hitchcock, OT; Derrick Kelson, CB; Ken Kushner, DT; Shawn McCarthy, P; Dwayne O'Connor, TE; Robert Oglesby, FL; Calvin Williams, FL.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Jason Cegielski, G, 6-1/265, Sr.; Scott Conover, T, 6-4/264, Sr.; Rod Dennis, FL, 6-0/185, Soph.; *Bob Dressel, C, 6-4/270, Jr.; Abe Hoskins, SE, 6-0/190, Soph.; *Eric Hunter, QB, 6-4/198, Soph.; Jermaine Ross, TE, 5-11/175, Soph.; Larry Taylor, G, 6-3/255, Sr.; *Tony Vinson, FB, 6-2/199, Soph.; Jim Wormsley, T, 6-3/280, Jr.; Jimmy Young, RB, 5-11/173, Fr.

Defense: *Eric Beatty, OLB, 6-0/224, Soph.; Kris Burns, T, 6-2/254, Jr.; *Steve Jackson, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; *Terry Johnson, S, 6-1/207, Sr.; *Frank Kmet, E, 6-4/265, Jr.; *Nat Martin, S, 6-2/207, Sr.; Peyton Minter, E, 6-5/260, Jr.; Jarrett Scales, CB, 5-10/195, Sr.; *Jim Schwantz, OLB, 6-2/215, Jr.; *Darrin Trieb, ILB, 6-2/228, Sr.; *Jeff Zgonina, T, 6-2/268, Soph.

Other key players: Elvin Caldwell, DT, Fr.; Earl Coleman, RB, Soph.; Kip Koonce, SE, Sr.; Mike Krabbe, LB, Fr.; Donzel Leggett, DE, Sr.; Steve Lettich, RB, Sr.; Curtis McManus, SE, Sr.; Keith Moon, DE, Jr.; Lonnie Palelei, DT, Soph.; *Derrick Schmidt, G, Jr.; *Jerome Sparkman, RB, Sr.; Kevin Strickland, LB, Soph.; Larry Sullivan, K, Jr.

Schedule: Washington, Sept. 13; Indiana State, Sept. 22; at Notre Dame, Sept. 29; Minnesota, Oct. 6; at Illinois, Oct. 13; Ohio State, Oct. 20; at Michigan State, Oct. 27; Michigan, Nov. 3; at Northwestern, Nov. 10; at Iowa, Nov. 17; Indiana, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Boilermakers.

Site: West Lafayette, Ind.

Eric Hunter has brought big-time excitement to West Lafayette.

Hunter, a scrambling sophomore quarterback with a strong arm and a knack for drama, has the Boilermakers optimistic after a 3-8 season last year.

Purdue was 1-6 before Hunter earned a starting spot and then went 2-2 with the strapping youngster at the controls. He was the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, completing 51.1 percent of 178 passes for 1,368 yards and 11 touchdowns.

"Hunter is the best quarterback I've had at this stage in his career," Coach Fred Akers said.

With Hunter as a starter, the Boilermakers beat Northwestern and Indiana, played Michigan tough and took a pounding from Iowa. While he may have piled up some big numbers against prevent defenses, the fact remains that Hunter threw for 342 yards against Michigan and became the first player ever to throw for four TDs against the Wolverines.

The biggest concern is the running game. Purdue backs averaged an abysmal 1.9 yards per carry last season. Akers is hopeful that an influx of freshmen talent will boost the ground attack.

Meanwhile, eight starters return on defense for the Boilermakers.

"We're experienced now and it shows," said Akers, who sings the praises of cornerback Steve Jackson, who broke up a Big Ten-high 15 passes in '89.

"Jackson is a four-year starter who is going to be an NFL corner," the coach emphasized.

Inside linebacker Darrin Trieb (14.4 tackles per game) and outside linebacker

Continued

Jim Schwantz (tackles for minus 117 yards) also led the conference in defensive categories.

"Darrin is the top linebacker in the league," Akers claimed.

MINNESOTA

Coach: John Gutekunst (21-23-2, 4 years).

1989 record: 6-5. Big Ten: 4-4/5th.

Key losses: Pat Cummings, FB; Chris Gaiters, WR; Ron Goetz, LB; Brent Herbel, P; Jon Leverenz, LB; J.J. Lennon, G; Dan Liimatta, OT; Jon Melander, OT; Eddie Miles, DE; Mac Stephens, LB; Shane Strain, TE; Darrell Thompson, RB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Mark Drabczak, G, 6-5/265, Sr.; Marcus Evans, TB, 5-9/186, Sr.; Ted Harrison, G, 6-4/270, Soph.; *Craig Hendrickson, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; James King, FB, 5-9/186, Sr.; Jerald Moore, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Steve Rhem, FL, 6-1/180, Soph.; *Scott Schaffner, QB, 6-2/185, Jr.; John Selvestra, T, 6-7/281, Sr.; *Chris Thome, C, 6-4/270, Sr.; *Pat Tingelhoff, SE, 5-11/181, Sr. **Defense:** *Skeeter Akre, OLB, 6-6/235, Sr.; Jason Brouwer, E, 6-4/241, Sr.; Anthony Bryant, E, 6-3/245, Jr.; *Bob Coughlin, T, 6-3/240, Sr.; Andre Davis, ILB, 6-1/218, Soph.; *Derek Fisher, CB, 5-9/190, Soph.; *Fred Fogie, CB, 6-0/180, Sr.; *Sean Lumpkin, S, 6-1/215, Jr.; *Les O'Hara, S, 6-2/195, Sr.; *Joel Staats, OLB, 6-3/230, Jr.; *Mike Sunvold, T, 6-4/255, Sr.

Other key players: Keith Ballard, DT, Brent Berglund, K, Sr.; Antonio Carter, RB, Fr. (RS); Omar Douglas, WR, Fr. (RS); Marquel Fleetwood, QB, Soph.; Kraig Hackbarth, DE, Jr.; Keswic Joiner, WR, Jr. (switched from QB); Dean Kaufman, P, Soph.; Martin Mathis, LB, Soph.; Anthony Richards, RB, Soph. (Prop. 48); James Snyder, CB, Soph. (switched from RB); Andrew Viet, LB, Fr. (RS)

Schedule: Utah, Sept. 8; Iowa State, Sept. 15; at Nebraska, Sept. 22; at Purdue, Oct. 6; Northwestern, Oct. 13; Indiana, Oct. 20; at Ohio State, Oct. 27; at Wisconsin, Nov. 3; Michigan State, Nov. 10; at Michigan, Nov. 17; Iowa, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Golden Gophers.

Site: Minneapolis.

The Golden Gophers have compiled 6-5 season records in three of the last four years and are looking for higher ground.

The quest gets tougher this year, though, with Darrell Thompson having moved on to the NFL. Thompson ran for 4,518 yards over the last four years.

"Marcus Evans will be a good tailback for us," Coach John Gutekunst said. "But the two questions are durability and ability to hang onto the ball. Darrell spoiled us there."

"Evans is a cutback runner who has played some fullback. He has good speed, is compact and strong."

The Depth Chart

Hoosiers hope Dunbar is next super tailback

Vaughn Dunbar may not turn out to be Superman for the Indiana football team. But Dunbar, who enters the fall as Anthony Thompson's successor at tailback, doesn't figure to be mild-mannered Clark Kent, either.

"The guy we had at tailback last year had a big 'S' on his chest," Hoosiers Coach Bill Mallory said. "Anthony did the work of two guys. But I like our replacements."

The main contestant for Thompson's job is Dunbar, a 6-foot, 203-pound junior who was redshirted last season after transferring from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. But no matter how talented he is, he'll never match the production of Thompson's four-year career. Thompson ran up 5,299 yards and 68 touchdowns (an NCAA Division I-A record) at Indiana. Thompson also never missed a down because of injury in four years, fumbled only twice in 713 carries over his last two seasons and was runner-up to Andre Ware in the 1989 Heisman Trophy voting.

Dunbar, however, seems undaunted. "I don't feel any pressure," he said. "The only pressure is that I keep hearing it a lot: 'Can you do it? Can you fill his shoes?' I'm not focused on filling his shoes. I'm focused on becoming the best tailback I can be."

But can Dunbar come close to matching the 1,793 yards and 25 touchdowns Thompson mustered last fall?

"If I get the ball 30 times," he said, "I



can accomplish those things."

If Dunbar doesn't carry 30 times a game, it may be because little Steve Goodrich has dashed onto the scene. Goodrich is a 5-9, 189-pound former walk-on who gained 47 yards on only five carries as a redshirt freshman last season. He also is the fastest player on the team.

"I'm real happy with both Vaughn and Steve," Mallory said. "Vaughn loves to play football. I liked him in the fall, the way he performed (in practice), and I like him now. And Steve Goodrich is going to be a fine football player for us."

—TOM WHEATLEY

Quarterback Scott Schaffner held off a spring challenge from Marquel Fleetwood and enters the season as the Gophers' No. 1 quarterback.

"Scott has improved his arm strength and that's given him more confidence," Gutekunst said. "He also made great decisions in the spring. But he can't lose confidence when he gets hurt a little and start holding the ball. That's when we go to Marquel, who has big-play capabilities."

Minnesota allowed 220.6 yards passing per game last year, the worst figure in the Big Ten. Gutekunst thinks adjustments and having four experienced starters in the secondary will help solve the problem.

WISCONSIN

Coach: Barry Alvarez (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 2-9. Big Ten: 1-7/9th.

Key losses: John Banaszak, NG; Craig Hudson, TE; Leon Hunt, RB; Dan Kissling, LB; Tim Knoeck, LB; Fred Owens, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Chuck Belin, G, 6-2/330, Soph.; Jim Bourne, TE, 6-3/238, Soph.; *Lionell Crawford, WR, 5-10/179, Jr. (switched from QB); *Rick Godfrey, C, 6-3/251, Jr.; Tony Lowery, QB, 6-4/187, Jr.; *Brady Pierce, T, 6-8/290, Sr.; *Nick Polczynski, G, 6-4/321, Sr.; *David Rapps, T, 6-5/277, Sr.; Erin Ryan, FB, 6-2/204, Fr. (RS); Tony Spaeth, WR, 5-8/171, Soph.; *Rafael Robinson, RB, 5-11/197, Jr. (switched from LB). **Defense:** Dan Batsch, T, 6-5/243, Sr.; *Don Davey, T, 6-4/257, Sr.; *Malvin Hunter, ILB, 6-2/232, Sr.; Curt Maternowski, OLB, 6-0/210, Jr.; Pat McGetigan, NG, 6-1/249, Soph.; Scott Nelson, S, 6-0/192, Fr. (RS); Aaron Norvell, ILB, 5-10/226, Soph.; Duer Sharp, OLB, 6-0/223, Jr.; *Greg Thomas, S, 6-1/198, Sr.; Troy Vincent, CB, 6-0/182, Jr.; *LaMarr White, CB, 5-9/174, Sr.

Other key players: Jim Batten, G, Sr.; *Aaron Brown, WR, Soph.; Dave Czech, TE, Fr. (RS); *Eddie Fletcher, CB, Sr.; *Brendan Lynch, LB, Jr.; Nick Rafko, LB, Fr. (RS); Rich Thompson, K/P, Soph.; Tim Ware, WR, Soph.; *Robert Williams, RB, Jr.

Schedule: California, Sept. 8; Ball State, Sept. 15; Temple, Sept. 22; Michigan, Oct. 6; at Iowa, Oct. 13; at Northwestern, Oct. 20; Illinois, Oct. 27; Minnesota, Nov. 3; at Indiana, Nov. 10; Ohio State, Nov. 17; at Michigan State, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Badgers.

Site: Madison, Wis. -

Barry Alvarez took Wisconsin football back to square one last spring. The Badgers haven't finished higher than eighth in the Big Ten in the last five seasons, and their new coach wanted an attitude adjustment.

"We had to talk to our players about drawing closer together and teach what it takes to win," the former Notre Dame assistant said. "We went back to the basics and fundamentals, which were terrible here."

The Badgers made strides defensively in the spring, and Alvarez said junior cornerback Troy Vincent could be the surprise player in the conference.

"Nobody knows Troy Vincent from the man on the moon, but this kid is going to be a first-round (NFL draft) pick," he said. "He's in the same category as (Notre Dame's) Todd Lyght. The scouts timed him at 4.3 and he's a big hitter."

Defensive tackle Don Davey and outside linebacker Duer Sharp also caught Alvarez's eye.

At the quarterback position, Alvarez

said junior Tony Lowery "is pulling away. . . He was great as a freshman but had a problem with the coaching staff and isn't on scholarship. But he's added 15 pounds and is developing.

"He had not been exposed to the multiple offense and passing attack we'll have. I wouldn't even let our coaches look at old film of him (running the veer offense) to judge him. That's all in the past."

Incredibly, Lowery served as a stadium vendor last season.

NORTHWESTERN

Coach: Francis Peay (8-34-2, 4 years).

1989 record: 0-11. Big Ten: 0-8/10th.

Key losses: Bob Griswold, TE; Randy McClellan, SE; Tim O'Brien, QB; Steve Rosholt, FB; Derrill Vest, OT; Matt Witt, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Brendan Bentley, C, 6-3/280, Sr.; *Richard Buchanan, SE, 5-11/176, Sr.; *Bob Christian, FB, 5-11/210, Sr.; David Cross, TE, 6-4/247, Jr.; Eric Dixon, RB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Greg Fischer, FL, 6-2/206, Sr.; Stan Holsen, T, 6-8/290, Sr.; Kip Kelly, QB, 6-1/201, Sr.; Brian Tichy, G, 6-5/287, Jr.; Eric Wenzel, G, 6-5/281, Sr.; *David Woollard, T, 6-4/272, Jr. **Defense:** *Darryl Ashmore, T, 6-6/270, Sr.; John Broeker, E, 6-4/260, Sr.; *David Eaton, CB, 5-10/195, Jr.; *Ed Feaster, OLB, 6-3/250, Soph.; *Dan Frevetelli, NG, 6-1/274, Sr.; Thomas Homco, ILB, 6-1/248, Jr.; *Dwight James, S, 6-2/199, Sr.; Pat New, S, 5-11/182, Sr.; David Sanderson, OLB, 6-0/213, Sr.; *Ed Sutter, ILB/P, 6-3/223, Jr.; *Terry Thomas, CB, 5-11/183, Sr.

Other key players: Ira Adler, K, Sr.; *Tobin Buckner, G, Jr.; *Greg Gill, CB, Soph.; Kevin Krebs, QB, Jr.

Schedule: Duke, Sept. 15; at Rice, Sept. 22; Northern Illinois, Sept. 29; Indiana, Oct. 6; at Minnesota, Oct. 13; Wisconsin, Oct. 20; at Iowa, Oct. 27; at Ohio State, Nov. 3; Purdue, Nov. 10; Michigan State, Nov. 17; at Illinois, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Evanston, Ill.

The Wildcats have the conference's leading returning rusher, Bob Christian, and the No. 2 receiver in Division I-A, Richard Buchanan. But they haven't been able to keep the other side of the scoreboard from flashing almost without stop.

Last season, Northwestern yielded such point totals as 41, 43, 46, 48, 52, 63 and 76 en route to losing all 11 of its games.

"We need to improve most on two areas: pass rush and perimeter defense," Coach Francis Peay said.

The Wildcats return plenty of experience on defense, with safety Dwight James being among the Big Ten's most underrated players and linebackers Thomas Homco and Ed Sutter and cornerback Terry Thomas ranking as solid players. Linemen Darryl Ashmore and John Broeker are being counted upon to pressure passers.

Senior Kip Kelly appears to have a slight edge in the fight for the No. 1 quarterback job. Buchanan will be the prime target, of course; last season, he caught 94 balls for 1,115 yards and nine touchdowns.

"Richard is the perfect football player," Peay said. "He's an unselfish competitor, a quick study and has tremendous ability. We've got to get the ball downfield to him more."

Christian ran for a school-record 1,291 yards in '89. ■

SCOUTING THE BIG TEN

Like a brick wall: Illinois' defense may well set the standard by which all defenses are measured for the next 10 years. The unit fields an all-star candidate at every position.

Future leaders: The Big Ten boasts some of the nation's best coaching staffs. Among the Big Ten assistants who someday may be directing their own programs are Bill Brashier, defensive coordinator/linebackers/assistant head coach, Iowa; Lloyd Carr, assistant head coach/defensive coordinator, Michigan; Jim Colletto, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, Ohio State; Jim Hueber, offensive coordinator, Minnesota; Denny Marcin, defensive line, Illinois; Joe Novak, defensive coordinator/linebackers, Indiana; Norm Parker, defensive coordinator/outside linebackers, Michigan State; Tom Reed, defensive line, Michigan; Lou Tepper, defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, Illinois; Morris Watts, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Michigan State.

Program of the '90s: Ohio State. Recruiting coordinators say that if Ohio State simply manages to land the majority of the state's top recruits, the Buckeyes are assured of playing on New Year's Day every year. Coach John Cooper's newest recruiting class, highlighted by the signing of Robert Smith, will prove it. The Buckeyes are coming back.

Impact newcomers: Vaughn Dunbar, TB, Indiana, Jr. (JC); Kent Graham, QB, Ohio State, Jr. (transfer/Notre Dame); Ricky Powers, TB, Michigan, Fr.; Rob-

ert Smith, TB, Ohio State, Fr.; Mike Wells, NG, Iowa, Fr. (RS).

Best bets: Michigan Coach Gary Moeller will enjoy a successful debut, thanks to the talent provided by predecessor Bo Schembechler. Northwestern will finish in last place, but the Wildcats won't get skunked again. They'll win a non-conference contest.

Odds and ends: The Purdue Boilermakers blocked nine kicks last season. . . Indiana safety Mike Dumas blocked four punts in 1989 to increase his career total to seven. . . The Fighting Illini, who relied heavily on junior college transfers under Mike White, have just four on their current roster.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Bob Christian, Northwestern, 117.4 yds./pg (277 att., 1,291 yds., 10 TDs, 4.7 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Greg Frey, Ohio State, 145.7 rating pts. (215 att., 128 comp., 1,900 yds., 12 TDs).

Total offense: Matt Rodgers, Iowa, 195.3 yds./pg (-74 yds. rushing, 2,222 yds. passing, 2,148 total yds.).

Receiving: Richard Buchanan, Northwestern, 8.5 rec./pg (94 rec., 1,115 yds., 9 TDs, 11.9 avg.).

Scoring: Carlos Snow, Ohio State, 7.4 pts./pg (12 TDs, 2 PATs, 0 FGs, 74 pts.).

Punting: Ed Sutter, Northwestern, 43.5 avg. (33 punts, 1,436 yds.).

Punt returns: Troy Vincent, Wisconsin, 13.8 avg. (17 att., 235 yds., 1 TD).

Kickoff returns: Courtney Hawkins, Michigan State, 25.2 avg. (18 att., 454 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Brent Berglund, Minnesota, 1.18 FG./pg (13/17 FGs, 76.5%).

Interceptions: Henry Jones, Illinois, .45 int./pg (5 int., 58 yds., 0 TDs); Fred Foggie, Minnesota, .45 int./pg (5 int., 48 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY



Northwestern's
Bob Christian

The Envelope, Please

Best offensive line:
Michigan

Best offensive backfield:
Ohio State

Best backup quarterback:
Kent Graham, Ohio State

Best wide receivers:
Michigan State

Best clutch receiver:
Richard Buchanan, Northwestern

Best defensive line:
Illinois

Best-hitting DL:
Moe Gardner, Illinois

Best linebackers:
Illinois

Best-hitting LB:
Derrick Brownlow, Illinois

Best defensive backfield:
Illinois

Best-hitting DB:
David Key, Michigan

Best kicking game:
Michigan State

Best specialty units:
Michigan State

Best special-teams player:
Mike Dumas, Indiana

Best special-teams hitter:
Mike Hopkins, Illinois

Best coaching staff:
Illinois

Best coach:
John Mackovic, Illinois

Best offensive assistant:
Jim Colletto, Ohio State

Best defensive assistant:
Lou Tepper, Illinois

Best Heisman candidate:
Scottie Graham, FB, Ohio State

George Allen turns spotlight on Long Beach State

By ROBYN NORWOOD
Los Angeles Times

At age 72, George Allen is returning to his roots. Allen, who had last coached a college football team (Whittier) in 1956, will try to revive a Long Beach State program that required a fund-raising drive a few years ago to keep it from going under.

The 49ers are counting on Allen's high-profile name to bring the program needed stability. But all has not been easy so far for the septuagenarian, who can't seem to get used to the fact that he can't make trades or draft young talent. And NCAA rules are a mysterious tangle to him.

But this relationship does make some strange sense: The coach who made the nickel-and-dime defense famous is coming out of retirement to save a program that has been a nickel-and-dime operation.

In a year of turnover, Allen is one of four new coaches in the Big West Conference. They range from 33-year-old Jim Strong of Nevada-Las Vegas—in his first head coaching job—to Allen, who got his first head coaching job at Morningside College in 1948. Allen, who coached his last National Football League team (the Washington Redskins) in 1977 and later surfaced for two years (1983 and '84) as a coach in the ill-fated United States Football League, will be guiding a football team for the 24th season of his career.

"It's not that George Allen is getting older," Strong said. "I just didn't realize I was growing up this fast."

The changes have made Cal State Fullerton's Gene Murphy a spring chicken at 50.



Fresno State quarterback Mark Barsotti has proven he can win.

"I'm happy to see George in there," Murphy said. "It makes me the fourth youngest."

At San Jose State, 43-year-old Terry Shea has inherited a team that should challenge Fresno State and Cal State Fullerton for the conference title.

Life won't be so easy at New Mexico State, where 53-year-old Jim Hess has taken over one of the country's most unsuccessful programs.

"The biggest motivating factor is to see if I can do something nobody else has done in a long time," Hess said. "I've got nothing to lose. I can ride off into the sunset or keep going, either one."

FRESNO STATE

Coach: Jim Sweeney (97-39-1, 12 years; 154-118-2 overall, 25 years).

1989 record: 11-1 (beat Ball State in California Bowl). Big West: 7-0-1st.

Key losses: Rich Bartlewski, TE; Terry Cook, DE; Ron Cox, LB; Dave Ewing, C; Mike Foust, OT; Myron Jones, FB; Fil Lujan, OT; Dwight Pickens, FL; Stephen Shelley, SE; David Shelton, S; Paul Vial, OG; James Williams, CB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Mark Barsotti, QB, 6-2/195, Jr.; *Aaron Craver, TB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Jesse Hardwick, T, 6-5/265, Soph.; Will Henry, WR, 6-3/190, Soph. (Prop 48); Keland Jackson, G, 6-4/275, Jr. (JC); *Melvin Johnson, G, 6-1/295, Jr.; Kelvin Means, WR, 6-0/175, Jr.; Lorenzo Neal, FB, 6-0/215, Soph.; Billy Scott, C, 6-4/260, Jr. (JC); Tim Smoot, T, 6-5/295, Fr.; Curt Thornton, TE, 6-2/245, Sr. **Defense:** Mark Adams, S, 5-10/185, Sr.; Tony Brown, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.; *Devonne Edwards, ILB, 6-0/210, Sr.

John Goslin, E, 6-4/255, Sr.; *Courtney Griffin, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.; *Pete Jenkins, ILB, 6-5/220, Sr.; Steve Lee, OLB, 6-2/245, Jr.; *Marquez Pope, S, 5-10/175, Jr.; *Zack Rix, NG, 6-2/250, Soph.; *Nick Ruggeroli, E, 6-2/235, Sr.; *Jeff Thiesen, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.

Other key players: James Allison, TB, Fr.; Trent Brummett, LB, Sr.; Judd Foell, DE, Jr.; Chris Gawley, WR, Sr.; Brian Lasho, OT, Sr.; Derek Mahoney, K, Fr.; Eric Martin, FB, Jr.; Brian Rowe, QB, Soph.; Brad Seagle, P, Jr.; Erick Tanuvasa, LB, Sr.

Schedule: Eastern Michigan, Sept. 1; New Mexico, Sept. 8; at Utah, Sept. 15; New Mexico State, Sept. 22; at Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 29; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 6; Utah State, Oct. 13; Long Beach State, Oct. 20; at UNLV, Nov. 3; Pacific, Nov. 10; at San Jose State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bulldogs.

Site: Fresno, Calif.

Mark Barsotti's two-year statistics as a starting quarterback have been impressive. He has passed well (1,987 yards and 15 touchdowns last year) and he has been effective on the ground (244 yards in 1989).

But beyond the numbers, Barsotti has proven that he can win. The Bulldogs are 21-3 with consecutive unbeaten conference records and two California Bowl victories under his direction.

There's no reason to believe Barsotti's impressive run will not continue in 1990.

"He's got a record going here like no one else ever has done in the league," Coach Jim Sweeney said. "Right now, the most important factor in Fresno State football is Mark Barsotti."

Despite some heavy offensive losses, Barsotti should be surrounded by a deep and talented supporting cast. His major offensive weapon will be 215-pound tailback Aaron Craver, who rushed for 1,248 yards last season.

"I think Aaron Craver has a chance to have the greatest year in the history of running backs at Fresno State—if he remains healthy and we are able to repair our offensive front," Sweeney said.

That really should not be too much of a problem. Melvin Johnson returns to claim his starting guard position and tackle Jesse Hardwick saw a lot of playing time in 1989. Joining the mix will be center Billy Scott and guard Keland Jackson, a pair of talented junior college transfers.

Craver will get blocking help from fullbacks Lorenzo Neal and Eric Martin. When Barsotti chooses to throw the ball, Kelvin Means and Will Henry, a Proposition 48 casualty last year, will be on the receiving end.

Fresno State's defense, as usual, should rank among the best in the conference. Free safety Marquez Pope and sophomore noseguard Zack Rix will be the featured performers on a unit that returns seven starters.

Joining Rix on a solid front wall will be ends Nick Ruggeroli and John Goslin. Pope will be supported in the secondary by cornerbacks Courtney Griffin and Tony Brown.

An excellent linebacking unit will include returning starters Jeff Thiesen,

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. FRESNO STATE

The Bulldogs are bad to the bone. This program will become a national power.

2. SAN JOSE STATE

The Spartans are hard to figure with a new mentor, Terry Shea, at the helm.

3. CAL STATE FULLERTON

One of the best things the Titans have going for them is their coach, Gene Murphy.

4. NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Less of a question mark is the Rebels' coaching change. Jim Strong promises improvement.

5. LONG BEACH STATE

The 49ers, also with a new coach (George Allen), won't reach the first division this year.

6. PACIFIC

The Tigers showed signs of improvement last season, but they still don't have much talent.

7. UTAH STATE

The Aggies—either Utah State's or New Mexico State's—will wind up in the cellar.

8. NEW MEXICO STATE

Jim Hess faces the ultimate coaching challenge: turning the Aggie program around.

Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.

Pete Jenkins and Devonne Edwards, with Oklahoma transfer Steve Lee ready to make an immediate impact.

"I think San Jose is almost always going to be the team to beat in our league," Sweeney said. "I also think we have a good chance to repeat, but certainly no guarantee."

Sweeney hopes that a freshman, Derek Mahoney, will be able to handle place-kicking duties. Means should rank among the nation's top kick returners.

SAN JOSE STATE

Coach: Terry Shea (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 6-5. Big West: 5-2/T2nd.

Key losses: Ara Derderian, OT; Kevin Evans, WR; Jim Francis, FB; Doug Hooker, WR; Rick Huck, DT; Jim Hughes, P; Jim Kirk, K; Dave Moss, LB; George Muraoka, DT; Ryan Rasnick, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: David Blakes, WR, 5-11/157, Jr.; Sheldon Canley, TB, 5-9/193, Sr.; *Anthony Gallegos, G, 6-2/264, Sr.; *Pat Hinds, T, 6-2/290, Sr.; *Chad Hymel, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Peni Iosefa, T, 6-4/287, Jr. (RS); Byron Jackson, WR, 5-8/162, Jr. (JC); Ralph Martini, QB, 6-3/217, Sr.; Randle Robinson, FB, 5-11/208, Sr.; *Rich Sarlatte, TE, 6-3/245, Soph.; *Brian Woods, C, 6-0/262, Sr. **Defense:** *Bob Bleisch, NG, 6-0/260, Sr.; Doug Calcagno, S, 6-0/203, Jr.; Chris Clarke, ILB, 5-11/216, Jr.; *Hesh Colar, S, 5-10/195, Jr.; *Paul Franklin, CB, 6-0/172, Sr.; Everett Lampkins, ILB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Lyneil Mayo, OLB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Mike Powers, T, 6-2/247, Sr.; *Mike Scialabba, OLB, 5-11/217, Sr.; *Freddie Smith, CB, 6-1/180, Jr.; Spencer Smith, T, 6-2/241, Jr.

Other key players: Maceo Barbosa, TB, Jr. (JC); Bobby Blackmon, WR, Jr. (RS); David Bowen, K, Jr.; Steve Hieber, LB, Sr.; Mike Jordan, QB, Sr.; Eric Negrey, P, Jr.; Eddie Thomas, CB, Sr.

Schedule: Louisville, Sept. 1; at Washington, Sept. 8; at Pacific, Sept. 15; at Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept. 22; at Stanford, Sept. 29; at California, Oct. 6; Long Beach State, Oct. 13; Utah State, Oct. 20; at Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 3; at New Mexico State, Nov. 10; Fresno State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Spartans.

Site: San Jose, Calif.



Linebackers Everett Lampkins (left) and Lyneil Mayo are the heart of San Jose State's defense.

Terry Shea took the Spartan reins with just one week of spring practice remaining. But don't think the first-time head coach is stepping into a desperate situation.

"We realize what the standard of play has been here," said Shea, a Spartan assistant for several years and offensive coordinator at California the last three. "We very realistically believe we can compete for the conference championship, year in and year out."

Shea replaces Claude Gilbert, who won conference titles in 1986 and '87 but was dismissed in the spring, reportedly over recruiting and academic issues. He inherits a 6-5 team that loses only eight starters.

The Spartans' top returnee is tailback Sheldon Canley, who finished second among Division I-A players in all-purpose running last season. The talented senior rushed for 1,201 yards, caught 42 passes for 353 more and scored 15 touchdowns. His 959 yards in kickoff returns included a 97-yarder for a touchdown.

"He will definitely be one of the outstanding skilled athletes on the West Coast," Shea said.

Canley will operate behind an offensive line that returns three excellent blockers in center Brian Woods, guard Anthony Gallegos and tackle Paul Hinds. He will take his handoffs from quarterback Ralph Martini, a 6-3, 217-pound pass-run threat who started the Spartans' last three 1989 games.

Shea's biggest offensive concern will be a receiving corps that was wiped out by graduation.

The heart of the defense will be a pair of talented linebackers—Everett Lampkins and Lyneil Mayo. Lampkins led the team with 109 tackles while Mayo recorded 16½ sacks.

Noseguard Bob Bleisch returns to an-



chor the front wall, but Shea will have to find replacements on both sides of him. Safety Hesh Colar is the top performer in a good secondary that also includes cornerbacks Paul Franklin and Freddie Smith.

San Jose State's kicking game is a big question mark with the loss of place-kicker Jim Kirk and punter Jim Hughes.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

Coach: Gene Murphy (54-60-1, 10 years; 69-67-1 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 6-4-1. Big West: 5-2/T2nd.

Key losses: John Bavaro, NG; Lionel Denman, CB; Shaun Dennis, S; Tony Dill, WR; Shawn Forristall, LB; Tom Gang, OT; Marc Hauser, C; Mark Hill, WR; Laita Leatutufu, OG; Russ Oleyer, LB; Rocky Palamarra, WR; Mike Pringle, RB; Reggie Redding, OT; Mike Schaffel, S; Dan Speltz, QB; Chris Wright, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Rick Brown, WR, 5-11/175, Sr.; *JJ Celestine, WR, 5-10/180, Sr.; Dave Collins, G, 6-3/285, Jr. (RS); John Cotti, T, 6-5/240, Fr. (RS); Tim Drevno, T, 6-3/265, Jr.; Richard Harrison, SB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Bill Huston, C, 6-1/260, Sr.; *Shannon Illingworth, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Mike Kent, TE, 6-6/235, Soph.; Paul Schulte, QB, 6-3/200, Sr.; Deon Thomas, RB, 5-10/185, Sr.

Defense: Bob Baiz, S, 5-11/185, Sr.; Stan Breland, OLB, 6-4/225, Jr. (JC); Darrell Bruce, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; *Dave Dorf, T, 6-4/260, Sr.; J.C. Farrow, E, 6-5/230, Jr.; Chad Lindsay, ILB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Teddy McMillan, ILB, 6-0/215, Sr.; *Nugyen Pendleton, CB, 5-8/160, Sr.; *Clarence Siler, OLB, 6-4/240, Sr.; Gary Thornton, NG, 6-1/245, Sr.; *Terry Tramble, S, 5-10/170, Sr.

Other key players: Todd Baird, WR, Sr.; Michael Jones, S, Jr.; Mike Kent, TE, Soph.; Kevin Koontz, RB, Soph.; Phil Nevin, K/P, Soph.; Danny Pasquill, RB, Fr. (RS); Anthony Pack, WR, Soph.; Terry Payne, QB, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: Sonoma State, Sept. 1; at Auburn, Sept. 8; at Mississippi State, Sept. 15; at Akron, Sept. 22; Fresno State, Sept. 29; Nevada-Las Vegas, Oct. 6; Pacific, Oct. 13; at Hawaii, Oct. 20; at Long Beach State, Oct. 27; San Jose State, Nov. 3; Utah State, Nov. 10; at New Mexico State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Titans.

Site: Fullerton, Calif.

The Titans set a long list of offensive records in their new one-back offense last season, but most of the responsible players are gone.

Gene Murphy's biggest losses are quarterback Dan Speltz, who threw for 2,671 of the team's 2,695 passing yards, and running back Mike Pringle, who garnered 1,727 of Fullerton's 1,793 rushing yards. There simply is not much left of the Titans' 6-4-1 team.

Murphy, entering his 11th season at Fullerton, is understandably uncomfortable about this scenario. With only two offensive starters and four defensive starters returning, he is reminded of his first Titan team, which compiled a 4-7 record.

The only returning offensive starters are linemen Shannon Illingworth and receiver JJ Celestine. Paul Schulte, a senior who attempted only three passes last season, will be challenged by redshirt freshman Terry Payne at quarterback.

"It's Schulte's experience and ability to read defenses against Payne's arm, strength and size," Murphy said.

Senior Deon Thomas is expected to step in at running back, but he cannot be ex-

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**OFFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Aaron Craver
Fresno State RB**DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Marquez Pope
Fresno State S**OFFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Bobby San Jose
Long Beach State QB**DEFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Steve Lee
Fresno State LB

FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM				
OFFENSE			OFFENSE				
Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class	Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	WILL HENRY, Fresno State	6-2/245	Soph.	WR	J.J. CELESTINE, Cal State Fullerton	5-10/180	Sr.
WR	*KELVIN MEANS, Fresno State	6-0/175	Jr.	WR	JASON EDWARDS, Pacific	6-1/180	Jr.
WR	ALVIN WARREN, New Mexico State	5-9/170	Sr.	WR	SEAN FOSTER, Long Beach State	6-1/185	Sr.
TE	RYAN DUVE, Utah State	6-7/225	Jr.	TE	TODD CUTLER, New Mexico State	6-4/229	Soph.
T	TONY DeLORENZO, New Mexico State	6-3/285	Sr.	T	PAT HINDS, San Jose State	6-2/290	Sr.
T	JESSE HARDWICK, Fresno State	6-5/265	Soph.	T	DUSTIN QUINTON, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-6/305	Sr.
C	BILLY SCOTT, Fresno State	6-4/260	Jr.	C	BRIAN WOODS, San Jose State	6-0/262	Sr.
G	ANTHONY GALLEGOS, San Jose State	6-2/264	Sr.	G	KELAND JACKSON, Fresno State	6-4/275	Jr.
G	MELVIN JOHNSON, Fresno State	6-1/295	Jr.	G	GREG O'BANNION, Utah State	6-5/325	Soph.
OB	MARK BARSTOTT, Fresno State	6-2/195	Jr.	QB	RALPH MARTINI, San Jose State	6-3/217	Sr.
RB	AARON CRAVER, Fresno State	6-0/215	Sr.	RB	DEON THOMAS, Cal State Fullerton	5-10/185	Sr.
RB	SHELDON CANLEY, San Jose State	5-9/193	Sr.	FB	LORENZO NEAL, Fresno State	6-0/215	Soph.
DEFENSE			DEFENSE				
Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class	Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NT	ZACH RIX, Fresno State	6-2/250	Soph.	NT	BOB BLEISCH, San Jose State	6-0/260	Sr.
DL	AARON CHRISTIAN, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-5/255	Sr.	DL	DAVE DORF, Cal State Fullerton	6-4/260	Sr.
DL	NICK RUGGEROLI, Fresno State	6-2/235	Sr.	DL	J.C. FARROW, Cal State Fullerton	6-5/230	Jr.
DL	BILL STUERSEL, New Mexico State	6-3/290	Sr.	DL	JOHN GOSLIN, Fresno State	6-4/255	Sr.
DL	ROB VANDEPOL, Utah State	6-3/250	Jr.	DL	JOHN GRIMES, Long Beach State	6-4/250	Jr.
OLB	PEPPER JENKINS, Long Beach State	6-4/235	Sr.	OLB	LYNEIL MAYO, San Jose State	6-2/235	Sr.
OLB	STEVE LEE, Fresno State	6-2/245	Jr.	OLB	CLARENCE SILER, Cal State Fullerton	6-4/240	Sr.
ILB	PETE JENKINS, Fresno State	6-5/220	Sr.	ILB	KEVIN BOUWMAN, Utah State	6-1/225	Sr.
ILB	EVERETT LAMPKINS, San Jose State	6-0/225	Sr.	ILB	DEL LYLES, Utah State	6-1/215	Jr.
CB	COURTNEY GRIFFIN, Fresno State	5-11/175	Sr.	CB	TONY BROWN, Fresno State	5-11/180	Jr.
CB	LOLO JAMES, New Mexico State	5-9/170	Sr.	CB	OLIVER THOMPSON, Long Beach State	5-10/175	Sr.
S	HESH COLAR, San Jose State	5-10/195	Jr.	S	CHARLES ANTHONY, Nevada-Las Vegas	6-2/185	Sr.
S	MARQUEZ POPE, Fresno State	5-10/175	Jr.	S	TERRY TRAMBLE, Cal State Fullerton	5-10/170	Sr.
SPECIALISTS			SPECIALISTS				
Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class	Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	DAT LY, New Mexico State	5-7/150	Sr.	PK	TODD, AMREIN, Nevada-Las Vegas	5-10/170	Sr.
P	PHIL NEVIN, Cal State Fullerton	6-0/165	Soph.	P	GARRET HENSON, New Mexico State	6-0/170	Jr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

pected to replace Pringle, who finished second in Division I-A in rushing and led the division in all-purpose running. Pringle also set an NCAA single-game rushing record with 357 yards against New Mexico State—a record that stood for only one week before being broken by Indiana's Anthony Thompson.

Celestine is the only returning receiver among the Titans' top seven from a year ago, and the offensive line will have to regroup around Illingworth.

The most impressive returnee might be kicker Phil Nevin, who connected on 15 of 21 field-goal attempts as a freshman last season and earned all-conference honors. Nevin also averaged 39.1 yards as the Titans' punter.

Linebacker Clarence Siler, tackle Dave Dorf, safety Terry Tramble and cornerback Nuygen Pendleton are the returning starters from a defense that should be only slightly more experienced than the offense. Murphy is excited, however, about Stan Breland, a junior college transfer who will fit in nicely at linebacker.

NEVADA - LAS VEGAS

Coach: Jim Strong (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 4-7. Big West: 3-4/5th.

Key losses: John Foster, LB; Patrick Harden, OT; Tommy Jackson, TB; Avery Miller, LB; Derek Nicholson, DT; Don Odegard, CB; Jorge Perez, C; Freddy Phillips, S; Gerald Robinson, CB; Kyle Toomer, FB; Robert Welch, TE; Rickie Wills, SE; Doc Wise, NG.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Joe Birtz, C,

6-2/255, Jr. (RS); *Jeff Jensen, T, 6-5/270, Soph.; *Jon Jones, G, 6-4/255, Soph.; *Greg Mattes, G, 6-2/285, Sr.; *Keenan McCardell, FL, 6-2/175, Sr.; Vince McGowens, SE, 5-9/161, Sr.; Kejon Murphy, RB, 5-10/175, Soph.; Dustin Quinton, T, 6-6/205, Sr. (RS); Darrell Randle, TE, 6-4/220, Sr.; *Derek Stott, QB, 6-2/175, Jr.; Anthony Vannucci, FB, 5-9/195, Soph. **Defense:** Brian Adams, T, 6-3/230, Soph.; *Charles Anthony, S, 6-2/185, Sr.; Leif Barrels, OL, 6-0/195, Soph.; *Aaron Christian, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; David Clarke, ILB, 6-3/235, Sr.; Rodney Crozier, CB, 5-11/185, Sr.; Carlton Johnson, CB, 5-9/180, Jr.; *Jody Reinoehl, ILB, 6-1/235, Sr.; Tyrese Roderick, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; Ray Roundtree, NG, 6-1/260, Sr.; Joe Zacharia, OLB, 6-1/230, Sr.

Other key players: Todd Amrein, K, Sr.; Hernandez Cooper, QB, Jr. (JC); Mansfield Dinkins, DT, Fr.; Marvin Eastman, TB, Sr.; Teddy James, RB, Jr. (JC); Clint Lawson, OT, Sr.; Dave Pappas, DT, Sr. (RS); Preston Walrath, C, Sr.

Schedule: Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 1; at Houston, Sept. 8; at Oregon State, Sept. 15; San Jose State, Sept. 22; at Pacific, Sept. 29; Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 6; at New Mexico State, Oct. 13; Nevada, Oct. 20; at Utah State, Oct. 27; Fresno State, Nov. 3; at Long Beach State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Rebels.

Site: Las Vegas.

When Notre Dame assistant Jim Strong was hired as Rebels coach, it signaled the return of option football to the conference—hopefully.

Strong says the Rebels will run a multiple offense, but those who want to see a bit of the Irish magic probably will.

"Without a shadow of a doubt, somewhere along the way we'll slip in the option," Strong said. "You're not going to see Oklahoma. We're not going to run all wishbone. But as people probably realize,

I definitely have a background in the option."

To run the option, however, a team needs a quarterback with the right blend of pass-run talent and, in the spring at least, UNLV did not have one.

Derek Stott, a tall, strong-armed type without a lot of speed, started eight games last season, but missed much of spring practice with a neck injury. He is expected to return in the fall and reclaim the starting job. But Stott will be looking over his shoulder at a youngster who will arrive in the fall, Hernandez (Hunk) Cooper of Navarro Junior College.

"He's a gifted athlete, with speed and quickness," Strong said.

Receiver Keenan McCardell is the Rebels' top returning offensive threat. He caught 54 passes last year and averaged 16.4 yards per catch.

The Rebels lost their top three runners from last season and Strong will look to Kejon Murphy, who missed the 1989 campaign after being injured in a car accident, and Teddy James, who enrolled at UNLV as a freshman, transferred to Dixie College and now has returned.

The offensive line, which returns three starters, will get a boost from the addition of center Joe Birtz and tackle Dustin Quinton, both of whom sat out last season with injuries.

The defense returns only four starters and will need time to grow. Aaron Christian is a top-notch tackle and Charles Anthony is one of the conference's top safeties. David Clarke and Jody Reinoehl

will handle inside linebacking chores.

Todd Amrein, who connected on 12 of 15 field-goal attempts in 1989, is an excellent long-range scoring threat.

LONG BEACH STATE

Coach: George Allen (first year at Long Beach State; 49-33-7 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 4-8. Big West: 2-5/T6th.

Key losses: Jim Bittner, FB; Hugo Correa, OL; Dan Duffy, DT; Bobby Flenoid, DB; Cornelius Harrell, OT; LeMeul Hawkins, DT; Rich Hensley, DL; Gene Lemmers, LB; Paul Oates, QB; Derek Washington, SE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Ron Byers, G, 6-2/260, Sr.; Kenneth Cantrell, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Rickey Clark, FB, 6-1/218, Jr.; Jeff Fassett, TB, 5-10/195, Sr.; *Sean Foster, WR, 6-1/185, Sr.; *Bryon Hamilton, TE, 6-3/225, Jr.; *Joshua Schwager, C, 6-3/285, Sr.; Mark Seay, WR, 6-0/175, Jr. (RS); Todd Studor, QB, 6-3/186, Jr. (RS); *Dan Tunnicliff, T, 6-4/240, Sr.; Corey Yeager, T, 6-4/285, Jr. **Defense:** Gerard Brooks, T, 6-1/250, Jr.; Chris Comick, S, 5-11/185, Jr.; Kale Evans, S, 5-10/180, Sr.; John Grimes, E, 6-4/250, Jr.; *Pepper Jenkins, OLB, 6-4/235, Sr.; Edward Lair, E, 6-2/229, Jr.; Ira Morris, T, 6-2/240, Jr.; *Nick Pantuso, ILB, 6-4/215, Sr.; Calvin Thomas, OLB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Oliver Thompson, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Darwin Walker, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.

Other key players: Kenneth Allen, K, Soph.; Jay Carballo, CB, Sr.; Bill Grudza, QB, Soph.; *Freddie Leslie, RB, Sr.; William Massicot, OG, Sr.; Fred Morales, P, Sr.; Herman Nash, FB, Sr.; *Leon Patterson, CB, Sr.; Kelly Ryan, WR, Sr.; Bobby San Jose, QB, Sr. (transfer/UCLA); Reggie Webb, RB, Sr.; Shawn Wilburn, CB, Sr.; *Pat Workun, LB, Sr.

Schedule: At Clemson, Sept. 1; at Utah State, Sept.

8; at San Diego State, Sept. 15; Pacific, Sept. 22; at Boise State, Sept. 29; New Mexico State, Oct. 6; at San Jose State, Oct. 13; at Fresno State, Oct. 20; Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 27; Nevada-Las Vegas, Nov. 3; Cal State Northridge, Nov. 10.

Nickname: 49ers.

Site: Long Beach, Calif.

If either Studer or San Jose can get the ball to Long Beach State's talented receiving corps, the 49ers could score some points.

Sean Foster, an All-Big West selection at wide receiver last season, caught 49 passes for 1,021 yards. Mark Seay, a standout receiver who was seriously injured in 1988 when he shielded a child during an apparent gang-related shooting, will play again after sitting out a season. Tight end Bryon Hamilton fits nicely into the 49ers' nice mix of pass catchers.

There is plenty of depth at tailback in Jeff Fassett, Freddie Leslie and Reggie Webb, and three returning starters—center Joshua Schwager, guard Ron Byers and tackle Dan Tunnicliff—provide experience on the offensive line.

Linebacker Pepper Jenkins and end John Grimes will form the heart of Long Beach State's defense. Cornerback Oliver Thompson returns to lead a potentially strong secondary, but the front wall will be thin and inexperienced.

PACIFIC

Coach: Walt Harris (2-10, 1 year).

1989 record: 2-10. Big West: 2-5/T6th.

Key losses: Gary Barlow, OG; Kendrick Brown, LB/DE; Fred Clark, OT; Mark Crawford, DB; Ted Diehl, OT; Glen Ellis, DT; Robert Ervin, DB; Dan Hampton, DT; Greg Koperek, S; Scott Lubow, TE; Rodney Powell, FB; Andrew Thomas, FB; Mike Thompson, OG; Kirk Zimmerman, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Greg Bishop, T, 6-6/240, Soph. (switched from DE); Grant Carter, TE, 6-3/205, Soph. (switched from LB); *Jason Edwards, WR, 6-1/180, Jr.; Brian Fisher, FB, 6-0/210, Sr.; *Troy Kopp, QB, 6-2/200, Soph.; Eric Litmanovich, G, 6-2/255, Sr.; Glen McDermott, C, 6-5/260, Jr. (RS); David Parris, G, 6-1/250, Soph.; Randy Paulette, T, 6-3/245, Soph.; *Aaron Turner, WR, 5-11/170, Soph.; Anthony Williams, TB, 5-9/190, Jr. **Defense:** *Pat Aragon, OLB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Eric Bengtson, E, 6-4/225, Soph.; Jerry DiMaggio, ILB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Don Humphrey, E, 6-3/250, Sr.; Joey Joquin, 6-0/210, Jr.; Kyron Johnson, CB, 5-10/170, Jr.; Brian Miller, S, 5-10/175, Sr.; Jason Miller, NG, 6-1/250, Soph.; Troy Reeves, CB, 5-9/170, Jr.; Shawna Tennenbaum, OLB, 6-4/200, Jr.; Ed Ulufanua, ILB, 5-11/210, Sr.

Other key players: Chad Barron, C/G, Fr.; Ryan Benjamin, RB, Jr. (JC); *Ryan Blossey, LB, Sr.; Deren Brady, LB, Sr.; *Curt Crandall, C, Sr.; Dave Henigan, QB, Soph.; Daryl Hobbs, QB, Jr. (RS); Steve Mehl, TB, Fr. (switched from DB); Tony Nordbeck, P, Soph.; Jason Schouten, P, Fr.

Schedule: At Tennessee, Sept. 1; Sacramento State, Sept. 8; San Jose State, Sept. 15; at Long Beach State, Sept. 22; Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept. 29; at Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 13; New Mexico State, Oct. 20; at Hawaii, Oct. 27; Portland State, Nov. 3; at Fresno State, Nov. 10; at Utah State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Stockton, Calif.

After watching his Tigers play Pittsburgh, Auburn, Arizona and Hawaii last season, Coach Walt Harris was happy to see his team's 1990 schedule. Tennessee and Hawaii figure to make short work of Pacific, but Sacramento State and Portland State are potential entries in the win column.

There is a hitch, however.

"Everyone is going to think we ought to beat Sacramento State and Portland



George Allen's reputation as a defensive architect will be tested at Long Beach State, which yielded 33.9 points per game last season.

State," he said. "But those are good programs. We know we have our hands full. But we'd rather play them than Auburn."

Some things have changed, others have not.

Harris spent the entire 1989 season trying to choose between freshman quarterbacks Troy Kopp and David Henigan. Kopp started nine of the 12 games and passed for 1,510 yards. Henigan, a left-hander, started the other three and passed for 835 yards. Now another player, junior college transfer Daryl Hobbs, has entered the picture and nobody knows what to expect.

The winner of the fall quarterback derby will benefit from the return of two good wide receivers—Jason Edwards and Aaron Turner. The downside, however, is that the Tigers return only one lineman—center Curt Crandall—and a lot of inexperienced hopefuls at running back.

The leading contenders to handle ball-carrying duties will be fullback Brian Fisher and tailback Anthony Williams, although junior college transfer Ryan Benjamin figures to see plenty of action.

The defense returns only four starters, none of whom played in a secondary that will have to be rebuilt from scratch.

Linebackers Pat Aragon and Shawn Tennenbaum offer some hope, but the Tigers will be hard pressed to stop anybody with any consistency.

UTAH STATE

Coach: Chuck Shelton (16-28, 4 years; 56-87 overall, 13 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Big West: 4-3/4th.

Key losses: Demetrius Brown, RB; Travis Clark, S; Dan Hill, OT; Jeff Hunsaker, DT; Nate Kaczor, C; Drew McCandless, DT; Russ Moody, K; Patrick Newman, WR; Brett Payne, RB; John Stephens, OT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Warren Bowers, C, 6-4/250, Soph.; *Ryan Duve, TE, 6-7/225, Jr.; Roger Grant, RB, 5-8/190, Jr. (JC); Sean Hampton, RB, 5-9/190, Jr. (JC); Tracey Jenkins, WR, 6-0/190, Jr.; Kirk Johnson, QB, 6-5/220, Jr.; Joe Moore, G, 6-1/275, Soph.; *Rod Moore, WR, 6-0/190, Jr.; Greg O'Bannon, G, 6-5/325, Soph.; *Ed Silva, G, 6-5/265, Jr.; Charlie Smith, T, 6-5/285, Jr. **Defense:** *Kevin Bouwman, ILB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Ron Edwards, CB, 6-2/188, Jr.; *Tom Hansen, OLB, 6-3/235, Sr.; *Greg Haynes, CB, 6-0/182, Sr.; Mark Johnson, NG, 6-1/275, Soph.; *Del Lyles, ILB, 6-1/215, Jr.; Scott Munson, S, 5-11/181, Sr.; Steve Neeleman, T, 6-4/230, Soph.; Piliki Tauteoli, OLB, 6-1/250, Sr.; *Toby Tyler, S, 6-1/192, Jr.; *Rob VanDePol, NG, 6-3/250, Jr.

Other key players: Rusty Carlsen, P, Jr.; Atu Fihaki, CB, Sr.; Floyd Foreman, RB, Jr. (JC); Joe

Jacobs, DT, Soph.; Sean Jones, K, Soph.; Stephen Robinson, LB, Soph.; Craig Sorensen, QB, Soph.; Mike Vivali, OT, Jr.; Rick Woodford, RB, Fr. (RS); Wayne Wylie, LB, Sr.

Schedule: Utah, Sept. 1; Long Beach State, Sept. 8; at Missouri, Sept. 15; at Oregon, Oct. 6; at Fresno State, Oct. 13; at San Jose State, Oct. 20; Nevada-Las Vegas, Oct. 27; New Mexico State, Nov. 3; at Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 10; Pacific, Nov. 17; at Brigham Young, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Aggies.

Site: Logan, Utah.

Chuck Shelton, entering his fifth year at Utah State and still looking for his first winning season, believes 1990 could be the year.

"I think this will be the best football team that we've had," Shelton said.

That prediction is based primarily on a defense that returns eight starters and promises to be stingy and what Shelton believes will be a much-improved running game.

Shelton's Aggies will be particularly deep at linebacker, where Tom Hansen, Del Lyles and Kevin Bouwman perform. Rob VanDePol anchors the front wall. Three starters—safety Toby Tyler and cornerbacks Scott Munson and Greg Haynes—return to the secondary.

Shelton will be further blessed if tackle Joe Jacobs, a 265-pound sophomore, lives up to expectations.

Shelton thinks the offensive key will be a ground game that could muster only 107.5 yards per game last season. He is particularly excited about Roger Grant, California's junior college player of the year, who will join fellow junior college transfers Sean Hampton and Floyd Foreman and redshirt freshman Rick Woodford.

"It will be nice to have four strong guys when we didn't have two in the past," Shelton said.

Ryan Duve, a 6-7 tight end, is the top offensive returnee. Quarterback Kirk Johnson also returns, although Shelton will demand improvement on his 44.4 percent, 15-interception performance of 1989.

The offensive line returns only two starters, but one of them is talented guard Greg O'Bannon.

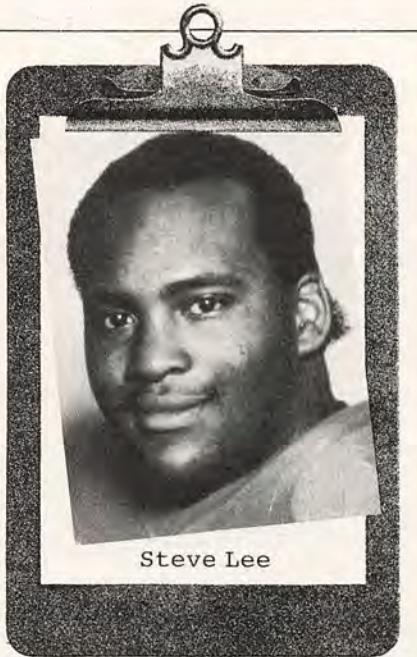
NEW MEXICO STATE

Coach: Jim Hess (first year at New Mexico State; 112-53-5 overall, 15 years).

1989 record: 0-11. Big West: 0-7/8th.

Key losses: Sam Dickey, LB; Mike Hall, CB; David Rider, S; Nat Rogers, OT; Anthony Singleton, TB; Bennie Thomas, WR; Phil Vinson, QB; Jim Williams, TE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: David Chishum, QB, 6-0/180, Jr. (JC); Todd Cutler, TE, 6-4/229, Soph.; *Tony DeLorenzo, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Eddie McDew, FB, 6-0/230, Jr.; Matt Miles, C, 6-2/255, Jr.; Jerome Raven, T, 6-2/260, Jr.; Mike Richmond, WR, 5-7/155, Sr.; Richard Sanchez, TB, 5-11/200, Sr. (switched from WR); Bob Schauer, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Eric Schmierer, G, 6-4/250, Soph.; Alvin Warren, WR, 5-9/170, Sr. **Defense:** Sam Austrino, T, 6-1/276, Soph.; Chad Baum, S, 6-3/185, Soph.; *Ty Bell, ILB, 5-11/200, Soph.; Demoin DeShay, OLB, 5-11/200, Soph.; Loren Dunlap, E, 6-1/240, Jr.; Lolo James, CB, 5-9/170, Sr.; Shawn Moore, E, 6-3/230, Jr.; Marvon Spell, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Donald Stowers, S, 6-1/185, Fr.



Steve Lee

was named head coach after Barry Switzer's resignation in June 1989. By that time Lee had transferred to Fresno, where the Bulldog staff couldn't help but notice his impressive, if overzealous play on the scout team. "They would tell me to slow down, that I was getting too hyper," Lee said.

His excitability last year could be excused considering how anxious he was to play. Now that he's eligible, he must prove his worth to Sweeney. "He has a good football attitude," the coach said. "He's reckless... But until he disciplines himself on the football field, he's just another guy running wild."

—ROBYN NORWOOD

(RS); *Bill Stuersel, T, 6-3/290, Sr.; Anthony Teran, OLB, 6-1/240, Soph.

Other key players: Mike Beauregard, TB, Jr. (JC); Shaun Crowson, TB, Sr.; *Kelly Curtis, OG, Sr.; Stefon Gipson, LB, Jr.; Garret Henson, P, Jr.; Jeff Hughes, DT, Sr.; Aaron Laing, QB, Fr. (RS); Dat Ly, K, Sr.; Jason McGehee, FB, Jr.; Brian Pizula, TB, Fr.; Thelbert Withers, TB, Fr.; Jim Woolverton, QB, Soph.

Schedule: New Mexico, Sept. 1; at Texas-El Paso, Sept. 8; at Kansas State, Sept. 15; at Fresno State, Sept. 22; Long Beach State, Oct. 6; Nevada-Las Vegas, Oct. 13; at Pacific, Oct. 20; Tulsa, Oct. 27; at Utah State, Nov. 3; San Jose State, Nov. 10; Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Aggies.

Site: Las Cruces, N.M.

Hess, who spent 15 years as a head coach at Angelo State and Stephen F. Austin State, is well aware of New Mexico State's long-standing futility. Five coaches have tried to turn the Aggie program around and all have failed. Hess' predecessor, Mike Knoll, stumbled through a 4-40 drought in his four years.

"It's tough," Hess said. "It's been down for so long, nothing is going to change right away."

The Aggies return plenty of offensive starters from last season's 0-11 team, but, unfortunately for Hess, none of them is a quarterback or tailback.

The only returning quarterback is Jim Woolverton, who threw for 179 yards last season and then sat out spring practice with a broken thumb. He will get strong challenges from David Chisum, a strong-armed junior college transfer, and Aaron Laing, a redshirt freshman.

The running back question could take even more time to resolve. Eddie McDew will return to handle fullback duty, but the tailback position is up for grabs. Richard Sanchez, a converted wide receiver, battled Shaun Crowson throughout the spring. Both will be challenged in the fall by junior college transfer Mike Beauregard and freshmen Brian Pizula and Thelbert Withers.

Tackle Tony DeLorenzo is a solid anchor on the offensive line. The Aggies have a pair of dangerous receivers in Alvin Warren and Mike Richmond.

The Aggies return seven starters to a defense that, on the positive side, allowed only 161.9 passing yards per game. The negative side of that statistic is that opponents didn't have to pass because they were able to run for 285.2 yards per outing.

"That was probably the worst running defense I ever watched in my life," Hess said.

Much of the blame could be traced to a line that needs desperately to improve. Bill Stuersel and Sam Austrino, a pair of quality tackles, should help the Aggies do just that. Lolo James is a first-rate cornerback.

The linebacking corps, with the exception of middleman Tye Bell, will be young and inexperienced.

There is nothing wrong with New Mexico State's kicking game, which might be the best in the conference. Accurate Dat Ly returns to handle place-kicking duties and Garret Henson will do the punting. ■

SCOUTING THE BIG WEST

Lights out: That's what happens to opponents who have the misfortune of meeting Fresno State safety Marquez Pope in the open field. Despite his relatively slender build (5-foot-10, 175 pounds), Pope is among the most feared tacklers in the game.

The state of the Big West: The key to whether the Big West rises or falls in stature is Fresno State—and whether it remains in the conference. Fresno State is an established West Coast power on the verge of national recognition, not to mention the league's only stable program. But rumors abound that the Bulldogs are prepared to realign with the Western Athletic Conference. Such a move would allow the Bulldogs to join the College Football Association, thereby increasing their national exposure. In addition, they could even wind up hosting a bigger bowl game than the California Raisin Bowl if San Diego State were to leave the WAC, as it is considering

doing. The WAC champion now travels to San Diego for the Holiday Bowl, but Fresno State, which is in the process of expanding its stadium, could provide a home for a new bowl with WAC participation. The best scenario for the Big West would have Fresno State staying put and San Diego State coming aboard, thereby giving the league its largest media base and a chance to move its bowl game to San Diego and eliminate ties with the Mid-American Conference.

Best bets: Fresno State will finish undefeated in the conference. UNLV will be the league's most improved team.

New Mexico State will finish in the cellar. Long Beach State Coach George Allen will be disappointed when he finds out college football doesn't have a wild-card team.

Program of the '90s: UNLV. First-year Coach Jim Strong will have the Runnin' Rebels competing for bowl berths within five years. By that time, UNLV football no longer will be a mere diversion before the start of basketball practice.

Two-sport star: Cal State Fullerton kicking specialist Phil Nevin was a third-round pick of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the June 1989 major league draft. Nevin was offered a hefty signing bonus but turned it down.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Aaron Craver, Fresno State, 113.5 yds.pg (225 att., 1,248 yds., 9 TDs, 5.5 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Derek Stott, UNLV, 123.7 rating pts. (222 att., 114 comp., 1,701 yds., 9 TDs).

Total offense: Mark Barsotti, Fresno State, 180.7 yds.pg (247 yds. rushing, 1,741 yds. passing, 1,988 total yds.).

Receiving: Keenan McCordell, UNLV, 4.9 rec.pg (54 rec., 883 yds., 5 TDs, 16.4 avg.).

Scoring: Sheldon Canley, San Jose State, 8.2 pts.pg (15 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 90 pts.).

Punting: Rusty Carlsen, Utah State, 40.7 avg. (79 punts, 3,212 yds.).

Punt returns: Freddie Leslie, Long Beach State, 11.5 avg. (15 att., 172 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Kelvin Means, Fresno State, 28.3 avg. (18 att., 509 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Phil Nevin, Cal State Fullerton, 1.36 FG.pg (15/21 FGs, 71.4%).

Interceptions: Terry Tramble, Cal State Fullerton, .55 int.pg (6 int., 9 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY



UNLV's Jim Strong

Best offensive line:

Fresno State

Best offensive backfield:

Fresno State

Best pro prospect:

Aaron Craver, Fresno State

Best wide receivers:

Fresno State

Best clutch receiver:

J.J. Celestine, Cal St. Fullerton

Best defensive line:

Fresno State

Best-hitting DL:

Nick Ruggeroli, Fresno State

Best linebackers:

Fresno State

Best-hitting LB:

Steve Lee, Fresno State

Best defensive backfield:

Fresno State

Best-hitting DB:

Marquez Pope, Fresno State

Best kicking game:

New Mexico State

Best specialty units:

Fresno State

Best special-teams player:

Courtney Griffin, Fresno State

Best special-teams hitter:

Marquez Pope, Fresno State

Best coaching staff:

Fresno State

Best coach:

Jim Sweeney, Fresno State

Best offensive assistant:

Rick Rasnick, San Jose State

Best defensive assistant:

Cliff Hysell, Fresno State

Best Heisman candidate:

Aaron Craver, TB, Fresno State

Walker will try to revive Miami's winning ways

By DAVE HACKENBERG
Toledo Blade

He may not be a magician in the David Copperfield mold, but Randy Walker is being asked to wave his wand and deliver some of the same magic that lifted Miami of Ohio into the upper echelon of college football during the early 1970s.

Walker, a running back at Miami from 1973-75, helped lead the Redskins to a 32-1-1 record and three consecutive Mid-American Conference titles. Each of his three seasons was capped by a Tangerine Bowl victory over the likes of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Miami has captured only two MAC titles since that impressive run and the Redskins have recently fallen upon hard times. Under the direction of Tim Rose, Miami followed an 8-4 championship season in 1986 with 5-6, 0-10-1 and 2-8-1 records that, ultimately, resulted in Walker's hiring.

Walker quickly made it clear that he intends to feed upon that old winning tradition, hiring Sherman Smith and Jack Glowik as assistant coaches. Smith quarterbacked those great Miami teams of yesteryear while Glowik played middle guard.

"Back then, there was never any question if we were going to win," Smith said.

"I think I felt the same thing Sherm felt," said Walker, an assistant for the past 12 years at North Carolina and Northwestern. "I think the biggest game was at Purdue my sophomore year. I was as nervous



Quarterback Brad Tayles is the key to Western Michigan's offense shifting into high gear this season.

as anybody, but we beat a good Big Ten school at their place by, I think, 24-19. The next week we played at South Carolina and beat them in a close game (13-11).

"All of a sudden, we were all believers. The key to athletics is how you perceive yourself, and our confidence level was high. We knew that it would take a pretty good football team to beat us."

"That's not the case here now. The players in our program have two wins in the last two years. It's hard for them to have a high self-esteem as athletes."

Walker will be walking in the footsteps of such coaching greats as Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, Sid Gillman, John Pont, Bo Schembechler and Bill Mallory, all of whom called the shots for Miami early in their careers. Whether he can go on to produce the same kind of results remains to be seen.

Don't expect a dramatic turnaround in 1990. Most of the MAC power should reside in Michigan, with Western expected to battle Eastern for conference honors and Central not far behind. Toledo also could have something to say about the conference title, which last year was won by Ball State.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Al Molde (19-15, 3 years; 125-72-6 overall, 19 years).
1989 record: 5-6. MAC: 3-5/6th.

Key losses: Scott Bell, CB; Bruce Boyko, TE; Vernon Coakley, WR; Dan Cunningham, S; Paul DeVries, LB; Doug Kraus DT; Doug Miller, C; Joel Smeenge, DE; Kevin Thomas, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Paul Agema, SB, 5-10/175, Sr. (RS); *Dan Boggan, RB, 6-3/224, Sr.; Allan Boyko, SE, 6-2/179, Sr.; *Andy Brotebeck, G, 6-2/246, Sr.; *Don Eastman, G, 6-4/256, Sr.; Paul Hutchins, T, 6-5/300, Soph.; *Ulric King, FL, 5-10/160, Soph.; Jon Manier, C, 6-3/239, Jr.; *Brad Tayles, QB, 6-3/193, Soph.; *Scott Thomas, T, 6-5/297, Sr.; *Robert Walker, TE, 6-3/228, Jr. (switched from T). **Defense:** Jeff Allor, OLB, 6-1/238, Soph.; Derrick Copeland, OLB, 6-3/205, Jr.; *Terry Crews, E, 6-2/235, Sr.; Dave Cutlip, E, 6-3/225, Soph.; *Paul Davis, CB, 5-10/183, Jr.; *Brian Johnson, S, 5-9/189, Sr.; Steve Kingsley, S, 6-2/188, Jr.; *Sean Mulhearn, ILB, 6-1/222, Sr.; *Mark Nabozny, T, 6-3/260, Jr.; Richard Smith, NG, 6-4/269, Soph.; Eric West, CB, 5-8/176, Jr.

Other key players: Jay Barresi, K, Soph.; Tom Dunn, P, Sr.; Eric Ferguson, DE, Jr.; Michael Greene, RB, Sr.; Steve Looney, CB, Soph.; Al Rivet, C, Soph.; Scott VanSchelven, SB, Soph.

Schedule: At Eastern Michigan, Sept. 8; Louisiana Tech, Sept. 15; Kent State, Sept. 22; at Iowa State, Sept. 29; at Akron, Oct. 6; at Central Michigan, Oct. 13; Ball State, Oct. 20; at Ohio U., Oct. 27; Toledo, Nov. 3; at Bowling Green, Nov. 10; Miami (O.), Nov. 17.

Nickname: Broncos.

Site: Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Broncos, MAC champions in 1988, experienced growing pains last season. More than that, actually. The pains must have seemed terminal at times as Western Michigan dropped four one-point decisions and struggled to a 5-6 record.

Many of the growing pains were felt by freshman quarterback Brad Tayles, who was intercepted a whopping 25 times. If he learned from his misadventures and bounces back, the Broncos could shift their run-and-shoot offense back into high gear.

"I think we'll be better off because of the year's experience Tayles has," Broncos Coach Al Molde said. "You can see the edge that he has."

Despite the travails, Tayles threw for 1,909 yards and eight touchdowns. He will be joined by a strong cast that includes receivers Ulric King and Allan Boyko, who combined for 63 receptions last season, and slotback Paul Agema, who ranked fifth among MAC receivers in 1988 before sitting out the 1989 campaign with a neck injury.

As with any run-and-shoot offense, production from the lone running back is crucial to success. Molde watched closely during spring drills to see who would emerge and was pleased with Dan Boggan, the Broncos' leading rusher last year, and Michael Greene. Still in contention is junior college transfer Corey Silve.

Tayles and Co. should get plenty of protection from a line that returns guards Andy Brotebeck and Don Eastman and tackle Scott Thomas and welcomes back 1988 starting tackle Paul Hutchins after a redshirt season.

Molde will have some gaping defensive holes to fill, most notably the end position that Joel Smeenge played so flawlessly.

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

There is, however, some good talent around which to build.

Terry Crews and Mark Nabozny return to the line. Sean Mulhearn, last year's leading tackler, is back at inside linebacker. Brian Johnson and Paul Davis return to the secondary.

Molde can expect to get some long-range points from sophomore kicker Jay Barresi, who connected on 15 of 19 field-goal attempts in 1989. With the unusual number of one-point games the Broncos seem to play, Barresi could become a valuable weapon.

"Obviously, there were games we were in position to win ... should have won," Molde said. "I hope it'll all even up somewhere down the road. Maybe it'll be this year."

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Jim Harkema (36-37-4, 7 years; 104-66-5 overall, 24 years).

1989 record: 7-3-1. MAC: 6-2/T2nd.

Key losses: Herman Baine, DT; Rob Fogarty, TE; Charles Gordon, CB; Mark McHugh, OG; Dean Nessen, LB; Mike Row, OT; Tom Schooler, LB; Jerry Smith, DB; Tom Sullivan, QB; Eric Towe, OT; Scott Wyka, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Todd Bell, FL, 5-10/170, Sr.; *Steve Brockelbank, T, 6-3/265, Sr.; Kevin Fairman, G, 6-0/282, Sr.; *Perry Foster, TB, 6-0/190, Jr.; Scott Hormann, QB, 6-1/170, Jr.; *Gordie Johnstone, C, 6-2/272, Sr.; Mark Merritt, G, 6-3/262, Jr.; Ken Moss, T, 6-8/338, Jr.; Charles Nash, FB, 5-10/238, Sr.; *Jon Pfeifer, SE, 6-2/175, Jr.; Patrick Walsh, TE, 6-4/238, Sr. **Defense:** *Mike Bass, T, 6-3/275, Sr.;

*Werner Blakely, CB, 6-1/180, Jr.; Derrick Buford, OLB, 6-3/231, Soph.; Jerry Carlock, S, 6-1/201, Soph.; Mike Danley, ILB, 6-3/200, Soph.; *Donshell English, E, 6-3/270, Sr.; Fred McClendon, OLB, 6-4/220, Jr.; *Bob Navarro, S, 6-1/180, Sr.; *Craig Petersmark, E, 6-4/255, Sr.; Sean Shoda, T, 6-1/278, Soph.; Anthony Williams, CB, 5-9/180, Soph.

Other key players: Mitch Brown, TB, Jr.; Scott Emans, LB, Fr. (RS); Shane Jackson, QB, Jr.; Monty Kirkland, P, Jr.; Jim Langeloh, K, Soph.; Charles Payne, LB, Jr.; Paul Powell, TB, Soph.; Rodney Screen, SE, Soph.

Schedule: At Fresno State, Sept. 1; Western Michigan, Sept. 8; Ohio University, Sept. 15; at Youngstown State, Sept. 22; at Indiana, Sept. 29; at Toledo, Oct. 6; at Bowling Green State, Oct. 20; Central Michigan, Oct. 27; at Miami of Ohio, Nov. 3; Ball State, Nov. 10; at Kent State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Hurons.

Site: Ypsilanti, Mich.

they are fully capable of playing at a high level, and I'll feel comfortable with either of them.

"If Hormann gets the job, people won't notice any difference between him and Sullivan. And Jackson has ability that goes beyond that. He has a great, great arm. Whatever, he'll be at least as good as Sullivan, and that ain't bad."

The running backs aren't bad, either. All-conference tailback Perry Foster is back after running for 1,087 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Fullback Charles Nash will be entering his third season as a regular. Top receivers Todd Bell and Jon Pfeifer also return.

The offensive line returns only two starters, but tackle Steve Brockelbank was an All-MAC selection and center Gordie Johnstone is a solid performer.

The defensive problem will be at linebacker, where Harkema loses all three starters. Junior Fred McClendon should jump into one of those openings. Tackles Donshell English and Mike Bass return to a solid front line with end Craig Petersmark. Free safety Bob Navarro, who tied for the NCAA Division I-A lead with 12 interceptions, will be joined by holdover cornerback Werner Blakely.

Still, the Hurons, conference leaders in total defense last season, will be hard pressed to match that performance.

"We should be a contender," Harkema said. "We have such good defensive linemen; three of them are fifth-year seniors. And all of our skill players are back except at quarterback. And we're not overly concerned about that position."

TOLEDO

Coach: Nick Saban (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 6-5. MAC: 6-2/T2nd.

Key losses: Phil Brown, DE; Wayne Goodwin, TB; Tony Hirsell, DT; George Linberger, OG; Mark Melfi, QB; Keith Saunders, S; Doug Spidel, DT; Roland Tatum, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Romualdo Brown, WR, 5-11/193, Sr.; *Joseph DiLauro, T, 6-5/280, Jr.; *Jerry Evans, TE, 6-4/248, Sr.; *Rick Isaiah, WR, 6-0/165, Sr.; Corey Ivey, TB, 5-7/169, Soph.; *Pat Johnson, FB, 6-2/216, Jr.; *Craig Kuligowski, T, 6-4/292, Sr.; *Andy McCollum, G, 6-4/260, Soph.; Kevin Meger, QB, 6-1/180, Soph.; Ben Mitchell, G, 6-3/295, Sr. (transfer/Iowa State); *Albert Thigpen, C, 6-2/243, Jr. **Defense:** Marcus Amick, T, 6-0/276, Sr.; Darren Anderson, CB, 6-1/176, Jr.; Tony Borgerding, OLB, 6-0/219, Jr.; *Matt Eberflus, OLB, 6-0/226, Jr.; *Jason Kelley, CB, 5-11/182, Soph.; Tom Lamb, E, 6-4/224, Jr.; *Mark Rhea, E, 6-4/235, Jr.; *Dwayne Smith, ILB, 6-0/226, Sr.; Nick Varajon, T, 6-1/236, Sr.; *Dan Vargo, CB, 6-0/181, Sr.; *David Walkosky, S, 5-11/168, Jr.

Other key players: David Andrews, FB, Jr.; Brian Borders, P, Soph.; Mike Capen, QB, Fr.; Marcus Goodwin, FL, Soph.; Rusty Hanna, K, Soph.; Jeff Lamb, LB, Sr.; Neil Trotter, TB, Sr.; Joe Windover, WR, Sr.

Schedule: At Miami of Ohio, Sept. 8; Northern Illinois, Sept. 15; at Ball State, Sept. 22; at Ohio University, Sept. 29; Eastern Michigan, Oct. 6; Bowling Green State, Oct. 13; at Central Michigan, Oct. 20; Kent State, Oct. 27; at Western Michigan, Nov. 3; Navy, Nov. 10; Arkansas State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Rockets.

Site: Toledo, O.



Toledo's defense features linebacker Dwayne Smith.

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**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Jerry Evans
Toledo TE**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**J.J. Wierenga
Central Michigan DT**OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Greg Sherwin
Central Michigan OT**DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Scott Emans
Eastern Michigan LB**TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-MID-AMERICAN TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	RICK ISAIAH, Toledo	6-0/165	Sr.
WR	*ALLAN BOYKO, Western Michigan	6-2/179	Sr.
WR	BRYON CROSS, Ohio University	6-0/165	Sr.
TE	JERRY EVANS, Toledo	6-4/248	Sr.
T	STEVE BROCKELBANK, Eastern Michigan	6-3/265	Sr.
T	CRAIG KULIGOWSKI, Toledo	6-4/292	Sr.
C	ALBERT THIGPEN, Toledo	6-2/243	Jr.
G	ANDY MCCOLLUM, Toledo	6-1/265	Sr.
G	TODD WRIGHT, Ball State	6-3/268	Sr.
QB	KEVIN MEGER, Toledo	6-1/180	Soph.
QB	BERNIE PARMALEE, Ball State	6-0/196	Sr.
RB	PERRY FOSTER, Eastern Michigan	6-0/195	Jr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	CARL KENDRICK, Ball State	6-2/254	Soph.
DL	TERRY CREWS, Western Michigan	6-2/235	Sr.
DL	DONSHELL ENGLISH, Eastern Michigan	6-3/270	Sr.
DL	CRAIG PETERSMARK, Eastern Michigan	6-4/255	Sr.
DL	J.J. WIERENGA, Central Michigan	6-4/270	Sr.
OLB	DEREK HENDRIX, Ohio University	6-2/200	Sr.
OLB	ANDY HOWARD, Miami of Ohio	6-3/227	Jr.
ILB	DWAYNE SMITH, Toledo	6-0/226	Sr.
ILB	RICH CURTISS, Central Michigan	6-2/225	Sr.
DB	J.D. BARNES, Kent State	6-1/187	Sr.
DB	BRIAN JOHNSON, Western Michigan	5-9/189	Sr.
DB	DAVID JOHNSON, Central Michigan	6-2/190	Sr.
DB	BOB NAVARRO, Eastern Michigan	6-1/180	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	KENNY STUCKER, Ball State	5-10/153	Jr.
P	CRIS SHALE, Bowling Green State	6-0/190	Sr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	HERB JACKSON, Ball State	5-6/148	Sr.
WR	MILT STEGALL, Miami of Ohio	6-1/180	Jr.
TE	JEIM SWANSON, Ohio University	6-3/224	Sr.
T	MIC ROESSLER, Ball State	6-2/261	Jr.
T	STEVE WOLFE, Ohio University	6-5/280	Sr.
C	BILL HORN, Toledo	6-7/290	Sr.
G	ANDY BROTEBECK, Western Michigan	6-2/246	Sr.
G	BRIAN SHERMAN, Bowling Green State	6-2/270	Sr.
QB	JEFF BENDER, Central Michigan	6-2/200	Jr.
RB	*CHRIS ALEXANDER, Miami of Ohio	6-0/220	Jr.
RB	COREY CROOM, Ball State	6-0/190	Soph.
FB	CHARLES NASH, Eastern Michigan	5-10/244	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MARK ROSS, Bowling Green State	6-3/245	Jr.
DL	MIKE BASS, Eastern Michigan	6-3/275	Sr.
DL	ANDREW HARMON, Kent State	6-4/225	Sr.
DL	MARK NABOZNY, Western Michigan	6-3/260	Jr.
DL	MARK RHEA, Toledo	6-4/235	Jr.
ILB	SEAN MULHEARN, Western Michigan	6-1/222	Sr.
ILB	MARK PARRIS, Ball State	6-1/228	Soph.
OLB	FRED McCLENDON, Eastern Michigan	6-4/220	Jr.
OLB	JON WAUFORD, Miami of Ohio	6-3/255	Jr.
DB	PAUL HAYNES, Kent State	6-0/182	Sr.
DB	DAN VARGO, Toledo	6-0/181	Sr.
DB	TERRY WILSON, Bowling Green State	6-2/195	Jr.
DB	ANTONIO YOUNG, Ohio University	6-1/180	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	RUSTY HANNA, Toledo	5-8/169	Soph.
P	BRIAN BORDERS, Toledo	6-2/196	Soph.

Because of circumstances beyond his control, Toledo's Nick Saban will be more closely scrutinized than your normal, everyday first-year head coach.

At the conclusion of the 1989 season, in which the Rockets rallied behind freshman quarterback Kevin Meger to win four of their last five games and post a 6-5 record, Toledo Athletic Director Allen Bohl fired popular coach Dan Simrell.

The dismissal of the Toledo native, former Rocket standout and winningest coach in school history stunned the community. Petitions were passed calling for Simrell's reinstatement and Bohl's ouster, and the university's administration found itself knee-deep in negative publicity.

The scars are still deep and, with the local belief that the Rockets should be serious title contenders, Saban's every move will be analyzed under a microscope.

Meger should help ease the pressure. The talented youngster completed 40 of 74 passes for 648 yards and five touchdowns in just six full or partial appearances. He also ended up as the team's No. 2 rusher with 257 yards.

"Kevin has improved tremendously in many areas, but he still has a ways to go," said Saban, who had served as the secondary coach for the National Football League's Houston Oilers the last two seasons. "He's the type of player who, when you take the shackles off him and let him play, will make things happen."

Meger is comfortable with the play-action game but still needs to improve in the drop-back style that Saban will employ.

His job will be made easier by the presence of such talented receivers as flanker Rick Isaiah, split end Romualdo Brown and tight end Jerry Evans, who combined for 112 receptions last year.

Running back is an area of concern, but such hopefuls as Neil Trotter, Corey Ivey and fullback Pat Johnson should benefit from an excellent offensive line that includes all-conference tackle Craig Kuligowski and center Albert Thigpen.

The defensive line will need some repair, but Saban can build around such returnees as linebackers Dwayne Smith and Matt Eberflus, cornerbacks Dan Vargo and Jason Kelley, safety David Walkosky and end Mark Rhea.

The Rockets boast what may be the best kicking unit in the conference in field-goal man Rusty Hanna and punter Brian Borders.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Coach: Herb Deromedi (86-39-4, 12 years).

1989 record: 5-5-1. MAC: 5-2-1/4th.

Key losses: David Basirico, OG; Dave Dekle, NG; Mark Dennis, LB; Mark Hopkins, TE; John Keenoy, OT; Ralph Newland, C; Kevin Nicholl, K; Donnie Riley, TB; Todd Winter, P.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Jeff Bender, QB, 6-2/200, Jr.; *Joe Connolly, FB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Art Droski, C, 6-4/280, Soph.; *Ken Ealy, SE, 5-10/170, Jr.; John Hood, TB, 6-0/200, Sr. (RS); Paul Jacobson, G, 6-3/270, Jr.; *Bob Kench, FL, 6-2/190, Jr.; Marty Malcolm, T, 6-5/285, Soph.; Eric Stockford, TE, 6-2/230, Sr.; *Tony Vais, G, 6-3/270, Jr.; *James Wyatt, T, 6-7/290, Jr. **Defense:** *Rich Curtiss, ILB, 6-2/225,

Sr.; *David Johnson, S, 6-2/190, Sr.; *Gino Marchetti, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; Mike Nettie, NG, 6-3/265, Soph.; *Mike Papler, T, 6-4/250, Sr.; Kevin Rich, OLB, 6-4/240, Jr.; *Clarence Rose, ILB, 6-2/220, Jr.; *Ken Strong, CB, 5-9/190, Sr.; *Chris Thompson, OLB, 6-1/222, Jr.; *J.J. Wierenga, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; *James Williams, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.

Other key players: Doug Adler, LB, Jr.; Paul Bielicki, C, Soph.; Zoran Djordjevic, K, Fr.; Darrell McCaul, OT, Fr.; Dennis Nicholl, P, Soph.; Darnell Rush, TB, Jr.; Greg Sherwin, OT, Soph.; Scott White, FB, Soph.

Schedule: At Kentucky, Sept. 1; Cincinnati, Sept. 8; at Akron, Sept. 15; Bowling Green State, Sept. 22; Miami of Ohio, Sept. 29; at Kent State, Oct. 6; Western Michigan, Oct. 13; Toledo, Oct. 20; at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 27; Ball State, Nov. 3; at Ohio University, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Chippewas.

Site: Mount Pleasant, Mich.

A new decade has dawned and the Chippewas would like to welcome it in the same way they did the last one—with a MAC championship. Such a prospect does not appear to be far-fetched.

To accomplish that goal, veteran Coach Herb Deromedi will rely on a talented defense and two potentially dangerous offensive players who must bounce back from adversity.

Quarterback Jeff Bender, the league's top freshman two years ago, played most of the 1989 season with a broken bone in his throwing hand. He still managed to pass for 1,487 yards and six touchdowns, but he also threw 12 interceptions and lacked the aggressiveness he showed in 1988. A healthy Bender could spell big problems for opposing defenses.

That also applies to tailback John Hood, a 1,121-yard rusher in 1987 who spent most of the 1988 and '89 campaigns nursing injuries. Hood will be asked to replace Donnie Riley, who led all conference rushers last year with 1,187 yards.

"A healthy John Hood would be a definite plus to this team," Deromedi said. "He's a proven talent who has a nose for the end zone. Jeff Bender also has a wealth of experience, but his play fell off somewhat last season because of that injury. He's an excellent competitor."

Deromedi also has concerns about an offensive line that returns only two starters—tackle James Wyatt and guard Tony Vais. But wide receivers Ken Ealy and Bob Kench are reliable when Bender gets them the ball.

Nine starters return to a unit that finished first in the league in scoring defense and third overall. The Chippewas are especially deep in a linebacking corps that includes Rich Curtiss, Clarence Rose and Chris Thompson, and a secondary that features safeties David Johnson and Gino Marchetti and corners James Williams and Ken Strong.

But Central's best defensive player may well be tackle J.J. Wierenga.

BALL STATE

Coach: Paul Schudel (29-25-2, 5 years).

1989 record: 7-3-2 (lost to Fresno State in California Bowl). MAC: 6-1-1/1st.

Key losses: Ted Ashburn, C; Tom Barbee, FB; Rod Christner, OG; Greg Garnica, LB; Jeff Hammond, FL; David Haugh, S; Sean Jones, FL; Steve Paris, DT; Shawon Respress, LB; David Riley, QB; Eugene Riley, TE; Ralph Wize, DT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Frank Barnes, TE, 6-4/235, Sr.; *Bob Bex, T, 6-2/265, Jr.; Scott Hammersley, QB, 6-0/178, Jr.; Herb Jackson, SE, 5-6/148, Sr.; Mike LeSure, FL, 6-2/170, Soph.; *Bernie Parmalee, TB, 6-0/196, Sr.; *Mic Roessler, T, 6-2/261, Jr.; Troy Smith, FB, 6-1/234, Jr.; Ryan Timmerman, C, 6-4/262, Jr.; Tim Warady, G, 6-0/260, Jr.; *Todd Wright, G, 6-3/268, Sr. **Defense:** Carlos Barefield, E, 6-1/195, Sr.; *Toby Beegle, E, 6-3/207, Sr.; Paul Fowler, LB, 6-4/218, Sr.; Christian Galdabini, T, 6-4/245, Sr. (switched from OT); Keith Hackett, CB, 5-8/165, Jr.; Troy Hoffer, S, 6-2/185, Soph.; Carl Kendrick, NG, 6-2/254, Soph.; Steve Martin, T, 6-2/243, Soph.; Mark Parris, LB, 6-1/228, Soph. (switched from E); Leo Porter, CB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Sean Turner, S, 6-2/195, Sr.

Other key players: Mike Crews, S, Jr.; Corey Croom, TB, Soph.; Mike Harrison, P, Jr.; Steve Manley, SE, Soph.; Mike Neu, QB, Fr.; Jimmy Oakley, FL, Jr.; Kenny Stucker, K, Jr.

Schedule: At Illinois State, Sept. 8; at Wisconsin, Sept. 15; Toledo, Sept. 22; Bowling Green State, Sept. 29; at Miami of Ohio, Oct. 6; Kent State, Oct. 13; at Western Michigan, Oct. 20; Indiana State, Oct. 27; at Central Michigan, Nov. 3; at Eastern Michigan, Nov. 10; Ohio University, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Cardinals.

Site: Muncie, Ind.

Ball State Coach Paul Schudel, who has guided the Cardinals to a 15-6-2 record over the last two seasons, is realistic about his team's chances of defending its 1989 MAC championship.

"We may not win it every year," he said, "but we'd like to think our program will be in position to be a factor every year."

That thinking will be put to a stern test

in 1990.

Gone is Ball State's deadly Riley-to-Riley passing combination (quarterback David passed for 1,929 yards and 13 touchdowns while tight end Eugene hauled in 37 passes for 420 yards), both starting wide receivers and the guts of a pretty solid defensive corps.

"As for the two Rileys, I don't know if you replace them," Schudel said. "I'm not sure who the quarterback is going to be, but it's either Scott Hammersley or Mike Neu. We'll have to keep them out of stressful situations and give them a chance to succeed."

"One advantage we have is Bernie Parmalee at tailback. He had a great spring. He's going to carry the ball and carry it a lot."

"The other factor that would allow us to be a bit conservative on offense is a solid defense. We lost a lot and the jury's out until we step on the field. But I think people are going to be surprised. It's not the biggest defense, but we're quick and we run well. Sure, some people will write us off. But they hadn't better overlook us."

Three of Schudel's four returning offensive starters are linemen—tackles Bob Bex and Mic Roessler and guard Todd Wright. Tailback Corey Croom and split end Herb Jackson weren't starters last year, but Schudel expects them to make big contributions in 1990.

Schudel will build his defense around noseguard Carl Kendrick, end Toby Beegle, linebacker Mark Parris, safety Sean



Central Michigan returns nine starters on defense, including tackle J.J. Wierenga.

Turner and cornermen Keith Hackett and Leo Porter.

Place-kicker Kenny Stucker returns after leading the conference in scoring.

MIAMI OF OHIO

Coach: Randy Walker (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 2-8-1. MAC: 2-5-1/7th.

Key losses: Steve Fumi, TE; Mike Hyzdu, LB; Aaron Kromer, OT; Jerry Prochko, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Chris Alexander, TB, 6-0/220, Jr.; *Andrew Billman, C, 6-4/252, Sr.; John Cannon, G, 6-2/276, Jr.; Jim Clement, QB, 6-2/195, Fr.; John Healey, T, 6-5/276, Jr.; Mike Kreiger, T, 6-7/256, Soph.; Bart Letcavits, SE, 5-11/164, Sr.; *Rick Mileham, G, 6-4/283, Sr.; James Patton, TE, 6-3/215, Soph.; Tom Poynter, FB, 6-0/237, Soph.; *Milt Stegall, FL, 6-1/180, Jr. **Defense:** *Bennie Caldwell, ILB, 6-1/205, Sr.; *Ron Carpenter, S, 6-2/180, Soph.; Daniel Flaharty, E, 6-4/253, Jr.; *Scott Frazier, T, 6-2/262, Jr.; *Andy Howard, OLB, 6-3/227, Jr.; *Cajardo Lindsey, S, 5-11/193, Jr.; Curt McMillan, ILB, 6-2/205, Soph.; Mark Staten, T, 6-6/263, Soph.; *Lakumba Wallace, CB, 5-8/175, Soph.; *Jon Wauford, OLB, 6-3/255, Jr.; Shean Williams, CB, 5-7/145, Soph.

Other key players: Lock Beachum, FB, Fr. (RS); *Bob Clark, SE, Jr.; *Mark Cristell, DT, Sr.; *Thad Fidler, FB, Jr.; Michael LeBar, DB, Jr.; Brian Lucas, K, Soph.; *Joe Napoli, QB, Sr.; *Bill Norris, DB, Sr.; Chris Ondrula, QB/P, Sr.; *Corey Reed, G, Soph.; *Rob Reedy, OT, Sr.; Barry Renfro, LB, Jr.

Schedule: At North Carolina, Sept. 1; Toledo, Sept. 8; at Louisiana State, Sept. 15; at Cincinnati, Sept. 22; at Central Michigan, Sept. 29; Ball State, Oct. 6; at Ohio University, Oct. 13; at Bowling Green State, Oct. 27; Eastern Michigan, Nov. 3; Kent State, Nov. 10; at Western Michigan, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Redskins.

Site: Oxford, O.

Walker has 18 returning starters, but he spent the spring shuffling bodies and trying to come up with the best combinations. He believes the Redskins will be better than their 2-8-1 mark of 1989.

"I don't think we're horribly behind the competition," Walker said. "We just haven't won. We've got to do all the little things to get us over the hump."

The first order of business will be choosing between quarterbacks Joe Napoli, Chris Ondrula and freshman Pat Clement. Napoli started last year and passed for 1,988 yards and seven touchdowns. But he also threw 19 interceptions and left the door ajar for his competition. Clement took advantage of the opportunity and moved ahead of Napoli in the spring.

The winner of the quarterback derby will have a solid receiver in Milt Stegall and a talented tailback in Chris Alexander, if the latter can recover fully from knee surgery.

Four starters return on the offensive line, but only two of them—center Andrew Billman and guard Rick Mileham—managed to hold their jobs in the spring.

Jon Wauford, who missed spring drills while recovering from shoulder surgery, and fellow linebackers Andy Howard and Bennie Caldwell are the leaders of what should be a respectable defense. Tackle Scott Frazier, cornerback Lakumba Wallace and safeties Ron Carpenter and Cajardo Lindsey also are experienced performers.

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OHIO UNIVERSITY

Coach: Tom Lichtenberg (first year at Ohio University; 18-41-1 overall, 2 years).

1989 record: 1-9-1. MAC: 1-6-1/8th.

Key losses: John Evangelista, DE; Bill Garrett, LB; Andrew Greer, RB; Larry Hargrove, CB; Jack Leeder, DE; Tim Pringle, S; Mike Recktenwalt, NG; Don Shimek, OT; Wayne Smith, FB; Ed Shy, LB; David Terry, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Byron Cross, FL, 6-0/165, Jr.; *Gerald Harris, WR, 5-10/180, Sr.; Ricky Howell, TB, 5-11/220, Fr.; *Dale Leisenheimer, C, 6-4/255, Jr.; Chris Park, T, 6-6/295, Soph.; Mike Southers, FB, 6-4/254, Jr. (switched from TE); Jim Swanson, TE, 6-3/224, Sr.; *Scott Tate, G, 6-6/272, Jr.; *Anthony Thornton, QB, 6-1/185, Sr.; Jim Wieliczko, G, 6-1/265, Jr.; *Steve Wolf, T, 6-5/280, Sr. **Defense:** Jason Carthen, E, 6-3/220, Fr.; *Miles Davidson, T, 6-1/265, Sr. (switched from OG); Michael Dunn, ILB, 6-2/210, Soph.; *Tony Greene, NG, 6-2/250, Soph.; *Derek Hendrix, OLB, 6-2/200, Sr.; Kevin Kershner, ILB, 6-2/205, Soph.; David Miree, E, 6-4/237, Sr.; Rich Morrow, S, 6-1/195, Jr.; Mike Newby, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.; Shawn Purter, CB, 6-0/175, Sr.; Antonio Young, S, 6-1/180, Sr.

Other key players: Scott Ault, K, Soph.; Tim Curtis, TB, Fr.; Terrence Davis, FB, Jr. (switched from LB); Thomas Dubs, QB, Fr.; Andy Grombacher, P, Jr.; Tom Martin, QB, Sr.; Mark Mauersberger, DT, Sr.

Schedule: At Pittsburgh, Sept. 1; at Eastern Michigan, Sept. 15; Tennessee Tech, Sept. 22; Toledo, Sr.

Sept. 29; at Bowling Green State, Oct. 6; Miami of Ohio, Oct. 13; at Kent State, Oct. 20; Western Michigan, Oct. 27; at Youngstown State, Nov. 3; Central Michigan, Nov. 10; Ball State (at Killarney, Ireland), Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bobcats.

Site: Athens, O.

When Cleve Bryant, returning 17 starters from a 4-6-1 team, fell off to 1-9-1 last season, Bobcat officials had seen enough. They sent Bryant to the showers and brought in Maine Coach Tom Lichtenberg to turn the program around.

That could be a tall order, especially in the immediate future.

The Bobcats return a strong nucleus from an offense that averaged 321.2 yards per game, but only three starters return to a defensive unit that allowed 378 yards and 31.6 points per outing.

Leading the way offensively will be versatile quarterback Anthony Thornton, who passed for 1,502 yards and ran for 302 more last year. He might have to pass a lot more in 1990 because the Bobcats, with freshmen Ricky Howell and Tim Curtis, will be inexperienced at tailback.

That won't be the case in an excellent receiving corps that includes wideouts

Byron Cross and Gerald Harris and tight end Jim Swanson, or on a line that returns center Dale Leisenheimer, guard Scott Tate and tackle Steve Wolf.

The defense, virtually wiped out by graduation, is not completely devoid of talent. Derek Hendrix is an excellent outside linebacker and Antonio Young ranks among the best safeties in the conference.

"I really have a hard time saying how many players we've got who are capable of winning the MAC," Lichtenberg said. "Our defense makes it tough for me to determine if we can stack up."

BOWLING GREEN STATE

Coach: Moe Ankney (17-26-1, 4 years).

1989 record: 5-6. MAC: 5-3/5th.

Key losses: Tom Addie, OT; Derrick Carr, DT; Rich Dackin, QB; Ron Heard, FL; Kyle Hockman, TE; Mike Holmes, S; Larry Lambright, LB; Ray Southard, CB; Reggie Thornton, SE; Ron Viscounte, FB; Jason Zeller, K; Shawn Zimmerman, G.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Steve Bosko, G, 6-2/280, Soph.; *Bill Horn, C, 6-7/290, Sr.; Jim Howell, FB, 6-1/220, Sr.; *Pat Jackson, TE, 6-3/225, Sr. (switched from LB); *Matt Kregel, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; *Brian Sherman, G, 6-2/270, Sr.; Nick Sims, T, 6-3/255, Jr.; Allen Smith, FL, 5-8/150, Sr.; *LeRoy Smith, TB, 6-1/180, Soph.; Mark Szlachcic, SE, 6-5/190, Soph.; Erik White, QB, 6-5/205, Soph. **Defense:** Dave Bielinski, S, 6-3/195, Soph.; Carlos Brooks, CB, 6-1/185, Soph.; Duane Crenshaw, ILB, 6-2/230, Sr.; *Charles Dotson, ILB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Mike Haack, CB, 6-0/190, Soph.; Paul Harris, T, 6-3/240, Jr.; Kevin O'Brien, OLB, 6-4/225, Soph.; Keith Pace, OLB, 6-2/210, Sr.; *Mark Ross, NG, 6-3/245, Jr.; *Steve Wilbourne, T, 6-4/250, Jr.; *Terry Wilson, S, 6-2/195, Jr.

Other key players: *Doug Atkin, LB, Sr.; *Ken Burress, CB, Soph.; Mike Calagno, LB, Jr. (JC); Cedric Ellis, DT, Jr. (JC); Guy Fatao, DT, Jr. (JC); Bobby Green, WR, Jr. (JC); Brett Landman, TE, Jr.; Tony Lee, FB, Soph.; Dal McDonald, LB, Sr.; Todd Powell, K, Jr.; Cris Shale, P, Sr.

Schedule: At Cincinnati, Aug. 31; at Virginia Tech, Sept. 8; at Central Michigan, Sept. 22; at Ball State, Sept. 29; Ohio University, Oct. 6; at Toledo, Oct. 13; Eastern Michigan, Oct. 20; Miami of Ohio, Oct. 27; at Kent State, Nov. 3; Western Michigan, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Falcons.

Site: Bowling Green, O.

Funny thing. A Bowling Green State touchdown with 67 seconds remaining beat Toledo last season, costing the Rockets the MAC championship and costing Simrell his job. On the other hand, that touchdown might have saved Falcons Coach Moe Ankney.

There may not be any "saving touchdowns" in 1990, however, if Ankney can't get his team to produce the winning record that has eluded it the last four seasons. And only one thing can be said with certainty about the 1990 Falcons: They won't go 0-11 because Tulsa dropped its scheduled game and Bowling Green will play only 10 times.

Ankney will be hard pressed to improve an offense that lost its quarterback, two wide receivers, its tight end, its fullback and two starting linemen.

Untested sophomore Erik White is expected to get the call at quarterback and he probably will do a lot of handing off to tailback LeRoy Smith, who enjoyed a nice 564-yard freshman debut. He could get plenty of running room from a line that

The Depth Chart

It may take 2 Broncos to fill Smeenge's shoes

There was a time when a pro football scout would find Western Michigan mostly by accident. Perhaps his car would break down west of Ann Arbor, south of East Lansing or north of South Bend.

Times change, though, and a stop in Kalamazoo, Mich., now is almost mandatory. Western Michigan has produced National Football League draft selections in five of the last six years, with defensive end Joel Smeenge the most recent pick (by New Orleans in the third round last April). The three-time All-Mid-American Conference selection was the league's most feared pass rusher, totaling 66 tackles for losses in his Bronco career.

"After four years of Smeenge, we'll probably have to go through withdrawal when we look out there and don't see number 89," Broncos Coach Al Molde said. "He had all the attributes you look for in a defensive player—size and outstanding speed. Nobody could block him, and he'd have such speed in his rush that he'd leave people in their tracks. You're talking about a guy who was 6-6, 250 pounds and ran the 40 in 4.6 seconds. That's an incredible combination."

And replacing him is an incredible problem.

While senior Terry Crews, a returning starter at the opposite end of the defensive line, should step from the shadows and emerge as an all-confer-



Dave Cutlip

ence candidate, it might take more than one person to replace Smeenge.

"We're hoping two guys can do it," Molde said. "We have nobody of Smeenge's caliber, but maybe we can rotate at that position and make some good things happen."

Coming closest to Smeenge's size is 6-3, 255-pound junior Eric Ferguson. The speed player would be Dave Cutlip, a 6-3, 235-pound sophomore.

"Cutlip probably emerged as the starter during spring ball," Molde said. "He's probably the better overall player and has an edge in technique, speed and consistency."

—DAVE HACKENBERG

SCOUTING THE MID-AMERICAN

They Call Me Dirty, Jr.: Conrad Dobler would love Central Michigan defensive tackle J.J. Wierenga. He's big, tough and, yes, dirty. Wierenga, an asthmatic, thrives on the cold weather of the Midwest.

Program of the '90s: Eastern Michigan. Coach Jim Harkema has quietly built a legitimate Division I-A program in Ypsilanti. The Hurons have the league's best blend of size and speed, and continued recruiting success could make Eastern Michigan a Top 40 program. If there's one MAC coach who can attract the Midwest's blue-chippers, it's Harkema. The Hurons have the potential to dominate the conference in years to come.

The state of the MAC: The outlook for the MAC in the next decade is not bright. It's easily the nation's weakest Division I-A conference. The MAC's most recognizable program, Miami of Ohio, has never been in worse shape. And the league's finest program throughout the '80s, Central Michigan, is at the crossroads. The Chippewas did not win a MAC crown after capturing their second straight in 1980, but they were the circuit's winningest team in the '80s. Coach Herb Deromedi faces a major rebuilding job. League members' home attendance fell last season, averaging less than 16,000 fans per game. But the bottom line is talent. MAC teams don't have enough of it, and unless that situation changes, the league could be on its way to Division I-AA status.

Best bets: Miami Coach Randy Walker will be mobbed by a group of teen-age

returns center Bill Horn, guard Brian Sherman and tackle Matt Kregel, who sat out spring drills with a knee injury.

The Falcons will have a respectable defense with noseguard Mark Ross and safety Terry Wilson available to make the big plays.

The good news is that punter Cris Shale returns after averaging a league-best 40.6 yards per kick. The bad news is that he figures to get plenty of work.

KENT STATE

Coach: Dick Crum (5-17, 2 years; 111-68-4 overall, 16 years).

1989 record: 0-11. MAC: 0-8/9th.

Key losses: Chad Coffman, OT; Ed Greitzer, DT; L.D. Hartman, LB; John Massimini, LB; Andre Palmer, WR; Jeff Stepanik, NG; Ben Stratton, G.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Mike Anderson, TE, 6-1/216, Sr.; *Shawn Barnes, SE, 5-7/164, Jr.; David Boon, G, 6-3/272, Jr. (transfer/North Carolina); *Joe Dalpra, QB, 5-10/185, Jr.; *Terry Daniels, TB, 6-0/214, Jr.; Tony Guciardo, FL, 5-9/170, Jr.; *Lance Hostetler, C, 6-2/249, Jr.; *Bill Longenette, T, 6-5/267, Jr.; *John Lorentz, G, 6-1/252, Soph.; John Repasky, T, 6-3/278, Jr.; *Shawn Trent, FB, 5-10/215, Jr. **Defense**: *J.D. Barnes, S, 6-1/187, Sr.; *Reggie Cook, CB, 5-6/153, Soph.; *Andrew Harmon, T, 6-4/225, Sr.; Paul Haynes, S, 6-0/182, Jr.; Andy Krupa, T, 6-3/234, Jr.; Maurice Sumpter, ILB, 5-11/217, Fr.; *John Taylor, CB, 5-10/184, Soph.; Phil Thompson, OLB, 6-1/208, Sr.; Dave Tkatch, NG, 5-11/231, Soph.; Brian Vogel, ILB, 6-2/219, Jr.; *Keith Younger, S, 5-9/171, Soph.

Other key players: Doug Agnew, OT, Jr.; Mike Benz, K, Soph.; Dan Gallagher, QB, Soph. (transfer/Vanderbilt); Ted Gregory, FB, Fr.; Marcus Haywood, TB, Soph.; Derrick Johnson, NG, Jr. (JC); Brad Smith, TB, Jr. (transfer/North Carolina).

Schedule: At West Virginia, Sept. 1; Akron, Sept. 8; at Western Michigan, Sept. 22; Cincinnati, Sept. 29; Central Michigan, Oct. 6; at Ball State, Oct. 13; Ohio University, Oct. 20; at Toledo, Oct. 27; Bowling Green State, Nov. 3; at Miami of Ohio, Nov. 10; Eastern Michigan, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Golden Flashes.

Site: Kent, O.

Kent State experienced a season-long run of bad bounces last year, resulting in a 0-11 record and serious questions about its direction. The primary culprit for the Golden Flashes was a porous defense that allowed 390.9 yards and 34.3 points per game.

Kent State was competitive down the stretch, however, and Coach Dick Crum is hoping that his youth plan will begin paying dividends in 1990. There are plenty of returning starters and the Golden Flashes appear to be well stocked at the skill positions.

Quarterback Joe Dalpra will return to the offensive backfield with tailback Terry Daniels and fullback Shawn Trent. Split end Shawn Barnes and tight end Mike Anderson return for pass-catching duty.

Dalpra will operate behind a line that returns starters Lance Hostetler (center), John Lorentz (guard) and Bill Longenette (tackle).

Crum will have to rebuild his linebacking corps, but talented Andrew Harmon returns to anchor the front wall and safeties J.D. Barnes and Paul Haynes are talented enough to discourage overzealous passing. ■

girls who mistake him for Michael J. Fox. The conference champion will hail from the state of Michigan. The Heisman Trophy winner won't come from the MAC.

Bloodlines: Ball State linebacker Jeff Crable's brother, Bob, terrorized the National Football League for several years. Eastern Michigan fullback Darren LaLonde is the brother of pro boxer Donnie LaLonde. Toledo defensive line coach Pat Perles is the son of Michigan State Coach George Perles.

Big money may be waiting: Toledo tight end Jerry Evans has caught the fancy of pro scouts. Continued improvement could make him a first-round draft pick next spring.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Perry Foster, Eastern Michigan, 98.8 yds.pg (263 att., 1,087 yds., 7 TDs, 4.1 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Anthony Thornton, Ohio University, 102.5 rating pts. (234 att., 120 comp., 1,502 yds., 6 TDs).

Total offense: Brad Tayles, Western Michigan, 183.7 yds.pg (112 yds. rushing, 1,909 yds. passing, 2,021 total yds.).

Receiving: Rick Isaiah, Toledo, 4.2 rec.pg (46 rec., 743 yds., 6 TDs, 16.2 avg.).

Scoring: Kenny Stucker, Ball State, 7.6 pts.pg (0 TDs, 27 PATs, 19 FGs, 84 pts.).

Punting: Cris Shale, Bowling Green State, 40.6 avg. (61 punts, 2,474 yds.).

Punt returns: Herb Jackson, Ball State, 16.4 avg. (16 att., 262 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Paul Powell, Eastern Michigan, 24.6 avg. (16 att., 394 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Kenny Stucker, Ball State, 1.73 FG.pg (19/25 FGs, 76%).

Interceptions: Bob Navarro, Eastern Michigan, 1.09 int.pg (12 int., 73 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY



Central Michigan's
Herb Deromedi

The Envelope,
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Best offensive line:
Toledo

Best offensive backfield:
Eastern Michigan

Best wide receivers:

Toledo

Best clutch receiver:

Rick Isaiah, Toledo

Best pro prospect:

Jerry Evans, TE, Toledo

Best defensive line:

Central Michigan

Best-hitting DL:

J.J. Wierenga, Central Michigan

Best linebackers:
Bowling Green State

Best-hitting LB:

Fred McClendon, Eastern Mich.

Best defensive backfield:

Central Michigan

Best-hitting DB:

David Johnson, Central Michigan

Best kicking game:

Ball State

Best specialty units:

Bowling Green State

Best special-teams player:
Brett Naumchess, Central Michigan

Best special-teams hitter:
Steve Bailey, Toledo

Best coaching staff:

Ball State

Best coach:

Jim Harkema, Eastern Michigan

Best offensive assistant:

Bill Lynch, Ball State

Best defensive assistant:

Dick Flynn, Central Michigan

Best Heisman candidate:

Bernie Parmalee, TB, Ball State

Pac-10 pack looks to unseat inexperienced USC

By DON BORST
Tacoma News Tribune

Southern California's return to glory reduced the Pacific-10 Conference to the most predictable league in Division I-A the last two years. After winning the 1987 championship in Coach Larry Smith's first season, the Trojans carried off the title in 1988 and 1989 without losing a conference game.

There is a fear out west that if the field can't knock off the Trojans in 1990, the stranglehold could tighten. Only 10 of Southern Cal's top 44 players are seniors, which bodes well for the future of Troy.

Dissected another way, the numbers show an inexperienced team that returns just seven starters. Smith, 21-1 against the Pac-10, is calling 1990 "the toughest coaching challenge of my career" and the whole league is atwitter.

"There is no favorite this year," Arizona Coach Dick Tomey said. "There are a lot of teams in this league good enough to win eight games ... but there aren't enough wins to go around."

Smith coyly suggests that Arizona, UCLA and Washington are tri-favorites. UCLA's Terry Donahue warns that upstart Oregon could be the team to beat.

But Donahue, despite last season's 3-7-1 disaster, is the one who has always thrived in the role of underdog. His shrewd, selfless move in the off-season to bring back Homer Smith as offensive co-

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. UCLA

The Bruins will ascend from the valley of a horrific '89 season to the peak of the Pac-10.

2. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Trojans have a chance to test the state of their program. They lost tons of talent.

3. ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils are ranked high because of lofty hopes for tailback Leonard Russell.

4. WASHINGTON

The Huskies have Top 20 potential, but they always seem to fall short.

5. ARIZONA

This year should be like any other: The Wildcats will play their best against the best.

6. OREGON

The duo of Coach Rich Brooks and quarterback Bill Musgrave disguises a lack of talent.

7. STANFORD

Gone are the days when foes could write off the Cardinal. This program is on the rise.

8. WASHINGTON STATE

Personnel losses make the short-term picture dark, but the not-too-distant future is bright.

9. OREGON STATE

The Beavers would be a first-division team in most leagues. This isn't most leagues.

10. CALIFORNIA

The Bears lack depth, team speed, team leaders and competent linemen.



UCLA's defense returns seven starters, including talented linebacker Rocen Keeton.

ordinator typified his oft-quoted philosophy, "It's amazing how much you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit."

"And any credit Homer gets will be well deserved," Donahue said.

Smith, hired from Alabama, has twice before served as the offensive guru in Westwood (1972 and 1973, 1980 through 1986), both times souping up anemic attacks and helping the Bruins rebound from losing seasons to successful ones. With Smith on board, UCLA has never finished worse than 7-4-1.

"We've always enjoyed a lot of success together," says Donahue. They'll look to spend next January 1 together ... at the Rose Bowl.

UCLA

Coach: Terry Donahue (111-45-8, 14 years).

1989 record: 3-7-1. Pac-10: 2-5-1/9th.

Key losses: Charles Arbuckle, TE; Brad Bryson, DT; Frank Cornish, C; Craig Davis, LB; Mark Estwick, FB; Mike Farr, FL; Keith Jacobson, OT; Mike Lodish, DT; Rick Meyer, G; Bill Paige, OT; Marcus Patton, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Randy Austin, TE, 6-3/249, Sr.; Brian Jacobs, G, 6-3/275, Soph.; Bret Johnson, QB, 6-0/182, Soph.; Scott Miller, FL, 5-11/175, Sr.; Reggie Moore, SE, 5-9/177, Sr.; Craig Novitsky, T, 6-6/250, Fr.; Scott Spalding, G, 6-4/259, Jr.; Maury Toy, FB, 6-0/224, Jr.; Marc Wilder, T, 6-5/273, Jr.; Kevin Williams, TB, 6-0/193, Soph.; Lance Zeno, C, 6-4/275, Sr.

Defense: Arnold Ale, ILB, 6-4/211, Soph.; Stacy Argo, ILB, 6-3/236, Jr.; Mike Chalenski, E, 6-5/255, Soph.; Matt Darby, S, 6-2/207, Jr.; Carlton Gray, CB, 6-0/180, Soph.; Rocen Keeton, OLB, 6-2/240, Sr.; Brian Kelly, T, 6-5/270, Jr.; Dion

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

Lambert, CB, 6-0/178, Jr.; Roman Phifer, OLB, 6-4/215, Soph.; Situpe Tuala, NT, 6-2/270, Sr.; *Eric Turner, S, 6-1/207, Sr.

Other key players: Corwin Anthony, TE, Sr.; Jim Bonds, QB, Jr.; *Brian Brown, TB, Sr.; Meech Shaw, LB, Soph.; Shawn Wills, TB, Jr.

Schedule: Oklahoma, Sept. 8; Stanford, Sept. 15; at Michigan, Sept. 22; at Washington State, Sept. 29; Arizona, Oct. 6; San Diego State, Oct. 13; at California, Oct. 20; Oregon State, Oct. 27; at Oregon, Nov. 3; at Washington, Nov. 10; Southern Cal, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bruins.

Site: Los Angeles.

Coach Terry Donahue hopes the return of offensive architect Homer Smith will signal more than just good play-calling.

In the early 1980s, when the Bruins had Smith and a stable group of assistants, they won three Rose Bowls. Since the end of the 1986 season, Donahue has made 11 staff changes and been denied a postseason game in Pasadena.

"I'd like to think we've begun to develop a staff that can have the same continuity that led to our success in the '80s," explained Donahue, whose five coaching changes last winter included three on defense.

That defense returns seven starters. The addition of linebacker Arnold Ale and defensive end Mike Chalenski (part-time starters as freshmen at Notre Dame and Pitt, respectively) should immediately stiffen a unit that ranked next to last in the Pac-10 against the run.

Coordinator Bob Field tinkered with the alignment in spring drills, deploying talented outside linebacker Rocen Keeton as an end. The Bruins' pass defense ranked 18th in Division I-A in 1989, but a hotter rush could turn the four returning starters in the secondary, led by Eric Turner and Matt Darby, into a collection of stars.

Smith's presence is expected to pay huge dividends for an offense that otherwise returns just four starters. Bret Johnson is back at quarterback, but Smith likes the variety of talent offered by Jim Bonds, Tommy Maddox and Bert Emanuel. A sprinter on the track team, Emanuel will play at least a situational role.

There is a solid nucleus with guard-turned-center Lance Zeno, receivers Reggie Moore and Scott Miller, and the deepest stable of running backs in the league. But those backs—Kevin Williams, Shawn Wills and Brian Brown—all struggled with ailments during the spring, just as they've done in seasons past.

The Bruins would like to see better play up front, but it will have to come from generally untested players. Guard Scott Spalding has some starting experience, and Brian Jacobs made a smooth transition from tackle to guard to solidify the interior.

"We're restructuring, re-evaluating and rebuilding," insisted Donahue, entering his 15th season.

The non-conference schedule includes Oklahoma and a trip to Michigan, but of

the first five Pac-10 foes, only one (Arizona) had a winning mark in the conference last season. A good start and steady improvement could prime the Bruins for November, when they visit Oregon and Washington before the season finale against Southern Cal.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Coach: Larry Smith (27-8-1, 3 years; 93-63-4 overall, 14 years).

1989 record: 9-2-1 (beat Michigan in Rose Bowl). Pac-10: 6-0-1/1st.

Key losses: Mark Carrier, S; Delmar Chesley, LB; Cleveland Colter, S; Scott Galbraith, TE; Dwayne Garner, CB; Leroy Holt, FB; John Jackson, SE; Brad Leggett, C; Dan Owens, DL; Brent Parkinson, G; Tim Ryan, DT; Bill Schultz, OT; Junior Seau, LB; Ernest Spears, CB; Michael Williams, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Derrick Deese, G, 6-4/275, Jr.; *Ricky Ervins, TB, 5-8/190, Sr.; Frank Griffin, TE, 6-4/230, Sr.; *Pat Harlow, T, 6-7/270, Sr.; *Todd Marinovich, QB, 6-4/210, Soph.; Michael Moody, T, 6-7/290, Jr.; Joel Scott, SE, 6-2/200, Soph.; Raoul Spears, FB, 6-0/230, Jr.; *Mark Tucker, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Titus Tuiasosopo, 6-2/270, Soph.; *Gary Wellman, FL, 5-9/175, Sr. **Defense:** Kurt Barber, OLB, 6-4/230, Jr.; DeChon Burns, CB, 5-11/190, Soph.; Gene Fruge, NG, 6-5/260, Sr.; Matt Gee, ILB, 6-3/235, Jr.; Don Gibson, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Craig Hartsuyker, OLB, 6-4/215, Sr.; Marcus Hopkins, S, 6-0/195, Jr.; Howard McCowan, S, 6-0/180, Fr.; Terry McDaniels, T, 6-5/250, Fr.; Stephon Pace, CB, 6-0/190, Soph.; *Scott Ross, ILB, 6-2/235, Sr.

Other key players: Ron Dale, P, Jr.; Scott Lockwood, RB, Jr.; Marvin Pollard, CB, Jr.; Marc Preston, P, Sr.; Quin Rodriguez, K, Sr.; Brian Tuliau, LB, Sr. **Schedule:** Syracuse (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Aug. 31; Penn State, Sept. 15; at Washington, Sept. 22; at Ohio State, Sept. 29; Washington State, Oct. 6; at Stanford, Oct. 13; Arizona, Oct. 20; at Arizona State, Oct. 27; California, Nov. 3; at Oregon State, Nov. 10; at UCLA, Nov. 17; Notre Dame, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Trojans.

Site: Los Angeles.

Even before juniors Mark Carrier and Junior Seau cashed in their final years of eligibility for million-dollar pro contracts, the 1990 Trojans were a team with major holes to fill. Now, only seven starters return from last season's 9-2-1 squad, and only two of them play defense.

"It'll keep us from getting complacent, that's for sure," said Coach Larry Smith, seeking his fourth league title in as many seasons at USC. "You look around and see all that inexperience, and you realize what a challenge this is going to be. But I really like challenges. This is fun."

By that reasoning, Southern Cal's first four games will be a day at the beach. Smith will take the school's least experienced team since it went to two-platoon football in 1965, and charge into Giants Stadium to face Syracuse in the Kickoff Classic, return home against Penn State, then visit Washington and Ohio State.

Of the Trojans' seven returning starters, three were all-conference selections in 1989: quarterback Todd Marinovich, the 19th-ranked passer in Division I-A; tailback Ricky Ervins, the Pac-10 leader with 115.4 rushing yards per game, and linebacker Scott Ross. No other team in the Pac-10 has more than one all-league pick back.

Moreover, guard Mark Tucker was a first-team pick in 1988 before slipping to the second team last year. Add 1988 starters Craig Hartsuyker and Don Gibson on defense, throw in returning nose guard Gene Fruge and a handful of backups who played meaningful roles, and Southern Cal might not be as helplessly young as it appears at first glance.

"I think we'll be a little better defensively than people give us credit for," Smith said. "Every film I pick up I see that

(cornerback Stephon) Pace is playing some, (strong safety Marcus) Hopkins is playing some and (cornerback DeChon) Burns is in there off and on."

Doubtless, the Trojans will feel the loss of Carrier, the 1989 Jim Thorpe Award winner as the nation's top defensive back, and Seau, a linebacker voted the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Both helped Southern Cal to a No. 2 ranking in total defense in Division I-A.

But Matt Gee and Kurt Barber, two outstanding special teams players, join Hartsuyker and Butkus Award candidate Ross to form one of the top linebacking contingents in the conference.

Up front, defensive coordinator Chris Allen says freshmen Mike Hinck and Terry McDaniels "look like they can become as good as anybody we've had there, including (NFL draftees) Dan Owens and Tim Ryan." The newcomers will join Fruge and Gibson, who missed last season with a knee injury and much of spring camp with a broken ankle.

The offense is in good hands with Marinovich, who oversaw a team that ranked eighth in Division I-A in total offense in 1989. He and Ervins will look for the same kind of blocking from a line that loses three starters. Michael Moody, Titus Tuiasosopo and junior college transfer Derrick Deese have the line on starting jobs.

ARIZONA STATE

Coach: Larry Marmie (12-9-1, 2 years).

1989 record: 6-4-1. Pac-10: 3-3-1/5th.

Key losses: Richard Davis, NG; Ron Fair, SE; Eddie Grant, C; Lawrence Hubley, CB; Lynn James, FL; Bruce Perkins, TB; Tony Sherman, G; Eddie Stokes, CB; Fedel Underwood, G; Scott Veach, TE; David Winsley, TB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Paul DeBono, C, 6-3/272, Jr.; *Kelvin Fisher, FB, 5-10/207, Jr.; Eric Guliford, SE, 5-8/157, Soph.; *Mark Hayes, T, 6-7/279, Sr.; Tim Kirby, G, 6-5/277, Jr.; *Paul Justin, QB, 6-5/210, Sr.; *Ryan McReynolds, TE, 6-7/248, Sr.; *Mike Ritter, T, 6-7/292, Jr.; Leonard Russell, TB, 6-3/235, Jr. (JC); Kevin Snyder, FL, 5-9/161, Soph.; Jeff White, G, 6-3/271, Jr. **Defense:** *Shane Collins, T, 6-4/276, Jr.; *Floyd Fields, S, 6-2/205, Sr.; Bryan Hooks, T, 6-4/270, Soph. (RS/medical); *Terence Johnson, ILB, 6-3/239, Sr.; *Nathan LaDuke, S, 5-11/196, Sr.; Pat Mason, NG, 6-4/280, Sr.; *Drew Metcalf, ILB, 6-2/240, Sr.; Kevin Miniefield, CB, 6-10/169, Soph.; Phillipi Sparks, CB, 6-0/192, Jr. (RS/medical); Israel Stanley, OLB, 6-3/246, Jr.; *Darren Woodson, OLB, 6-1/215, Jr.

Other key players: Larry Boyd, TB, Soph. (Prop. 48); Vic Cahoon, FL, Sr.; Eric Crawford, CB, Jr. (RS/medical); Derrick Hart, SE, Fr. (RS); Gavin Hill, OLB, Jr. (JC); *Tim Landers, DT, Jr.; George Montgomery, TB, Fr. (RS); Eric Moss, WR, Jr. (JC); Kevin Preston-Curvey, CB, Sr.; Jeff Simonneau, FB, Soph.; Michael Thompson, NG, Soph.; Brad Williams, P, Sr.; *Scott Woodford, ILB, Jr.

Schedule: Baylor, Sept. 8; Colorado State, Sept. 15; at Missouri, Sept. 29; Washington, Oct. 6; California, Oct. 13; at Oregon, Oct. 20; Southern Cal, Oct. 27; Oregon State, Nov. 3; at Washington State, Nov. 10; at Arizona, Nov. 24; Houston (at Tokyo), Dec. 1.

Nickname: Sun Devils.

Site: Tempe, Ariz.

Considering that just two Arizona State players have been drafted the last two years (compared with 15 for USC and 12

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Southern California tailback Ricky Ervins was the Pac-10 rushing leader last season, averaging 115.4 yards per game.

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Paul Justin
Arizona State QB**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Esera Tuaoalo
Oregon State NG**OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Leonard Russell
Arizona State RB**DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Jeff Cummins
Oregon DE**TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-PACIFIC-10 TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	ED McCAFFREY, Stanford
WR	BRIAN TREGGS, California
TE	RYAN McREYNOLDS, Arizona State
T	MARK HAYES, Arizona State
T	BOB WHITFIELD, Stanford
C	SCOT BOATRIGHT, Oregon
G	MARK TUCKER, Southern Cal
G	MIKE SHAW, Washington State
QB	PAUL JUSTIN, Arizona State
RB	*GLYN MILBURN, Stanford
RB	LEONARD RUSSELL, Arizona State
RB	KEVIN WILLIAMS, UCLA

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-6/220	Sr.
5-10/170	Jr.
6-7/248	Sr.
6-7/279	Sr.
6-7/300	Soph.
6-2/254	Sr.
6-3/265	Sr.
6-3/280	Sr.
6-5/210	Sr.
5-9/170	Soph.
6-3/235	Jr.
6-0/193	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	ESERA TUAOLO, Oregon State
DL	SHANE COLLINS, Arizona State
DL	MIKE CHALENSKI, UCLA
DL	DON GIBSON, Southern California
DL	TYRONE RODGERS, Washington
LB	ARNOLD ALE, UCLA (I)
LB	JAMES CLIFFORD, Washington (I)
LB	PETER BRANTLEY, Oregon (O)
LB	DONALD JONES, Washington (O)
DB	DARRYL LEWIS, Arizona (CB)
DB	KEVIN SCOTT, Stanford (CB)
DB	NATHAN LaDUKE, Arizona State
DB	CHRIS MOTON, Washington State (S)

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-4/268	Sr.
6-4/276	Jr.
6-5/255	Soph.
6-3/250	Sr.
6-5/255	Jr.
6-4/211	Soph.
6-1/230	Jr.
6-5/230	Sr.
6-1/226	Jr.
5-9/186	Sr.
5-11/182	Jr.
5-11/196	Sr.
6-3/209	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	JASON HANSON, Washington State
P	ROBBIE KEEN, California

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-0/175	Jr.
6-4/220	Sr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	ORLANDO MCKAY, Washington
WR	MAURICE WILSON, Oregon State
TE	RICHARD GRIFFITH, Arizona
T	DAVID COLLINSWORTH, Oregon
T	BOB GARMAN, Washington State
C	LANCE ZENO, UCLA
G	DEAN KIRKLAND, Washington
G	JEFF WHITE, Arizona State
QB	TODD MARINOVICH, Southern California
RB	*BRIAN BROWN, UCLA
RB	RICKY ERVINS, Southern California
RB	GREG LEWIS, Washington

Ht./Wt.	Class
5-11/181	Jr.
5-8/168	Soph.
6-5/239	Soph.
6-5/280	Soph.
6-5/281	Jr.
6-4/275	Sr.
6-3/281	Sr.
6-3/271	Jr.
6-4/210	Soph.
5-10/187	Sr.
5-8/190	Sr.
5-11/202	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	JOHN BELLI, California
DL	BRYAN HOOKS, Arizona State
DL	REGGIE JOHNSON, Arizona
DL	ROCEN KEETON, UCLA
DL	MATT LaBOUNTY, Oregon
LB	TERENCE JOHNSON, Arizona State (I)
LB	SCOTT ROSS, Southern California (I)
LB	CRAIG HARTSUYKER, Southern California (O)
LB	DARREN WOODSON, Arizona State (O)
DB	BRIAN BECK, Oregon State (CB)
DB	JOHN HARDY, California (CB)
DB	MATT DARBY, UCLA (S)
DB	JEFF HAMMERSCHMIDT, Arizona (S)

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-2/265	Sr.
6-4/270	Soph.
6-4/237	Sr.
6-2/240	Sr.
6-4/246	Jr.
6-3/239	Sr.
6-2/235	Sr.
6-4/215	Sr.
6-1/215	Jr.
5-8/168	Sr.
6-0/180	Sr.
6-2/207	Jr.
5-10/188	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	GREG McCALLUM, Oregon
P	QUIN RODRIGUEZ, Southern California

Ht./Wt.	Class
5-9/168	Jr.
6-0/160	Sr.

for UCLA), the Sun Devils' 12-9-1 record under Coach Larry Marmie doesn't look half bad.

Whatever the number of current NFL prospects—and there are at least four good ones in quarterback Paul Justin, safety Nathan LaDuke, defensive tackle Shane Collins and new tailback Leonard Russell—they would do well to play in a bowl game this season to shake a pack of hounding critics off Marmie's tail.

If the league's worst defense is better for experience, what with eight starters back (and a new coordinator, Mel Foels), Justin could lead the Devils to a fast start against three non-conference foes—Baylor, Colorado State and Missouri—that failed to post winning records in 1989.

On the defensive front, Bryan Hooks emerged as a force in spring camp, which could help take an extra blocker off three-year starter Collins. The secondary is talented, seasoned and led by LaDuke, a candidate for the Thorpe Award. The linebackers, however, must draw upon more than Drew Metcalf's experience and Darren Woodson's speed.

On offense, Justin will rate Heisman consideration if he continues what he started last season. Ranked 15th among Division I-A passers, he threw for nearly 1,500 yards in his last four games, including 534 against Washington State. With the added attention, he'll also need better protection. Returning tackles Mark Hayes and Mike Ritter hope to provide it while the middle sorts itself out.

Marmie was impressed with tailbacks

George Montgomery and Kevin Galbreath in spring practice, but he'll look to Russell as the catalyst of the ground game. Russell, a 6-3, 235-pound tower of power, is back after two years in the junior college ranks.

"That's what we need, more than anything," Marmie said. "Every phase of our team will be helped if we run the ball better, and I think we can."

Arizona State's receivers are young, but Marmie said sophomore Eric Guliford—"has the best hands I've seen in 20 years of coaching." Guliford also led the Pac-10 in punt returns in 1989.

WASHINGTON

Coach: Don James (122-52-2, 15 years; 147-71-3 overall, 19 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (beat Florida in Freedom Bowl).

Pac-10: 5-3/T2nd

Key losses: Bill Ames, TE; Bern Brostek, C; Dennis Brown, DE; Eugene Burkhalter, S; James Compton, FB; Cary Conklin, QB; Martin Harrison, LB; Le-Lo Lang, CB; John McCallum, K; Andre Riley, SE; Greg Travis, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Mario Bailey, SE, 5-9/170, Jr.; Mark Brunell, QB, 6-2/195, Soph.; Ed Cunningham, C, 6-3/274, Jr.; Dean Kirkland, G, 6-3/281, Sr.; Greg Lewis, TB, 5-11/202, Sr.; Siupeli Malamala, T, 6-6/295, Jr.; Orlando McKay, FL, 5-11/181, Jr.; Jeff Pahukoa, T, 6-3/288, Sr.; Aaron Pierce, TE, 6-5/228, Jr.; Rick Schulberg, G, 6-6/270, Sr.; Darius Turner, FB, 6-0/224, Soph. Defense: Walter Bailey, CB, 5-11/180, Soph.; Eric Briscoe, S, 5-11/197, Sr.; James Clifford, ILB, 6-1/230, Jr.; John Cook, MG, 6-5/260, Sr.; Jaime Fields, OLB, 5-11/210, Soph.; Dana Hall, CB, 6-3/202, Jr.; Dave Hoffmann, ILB,

6-2/220, Soph.; Donald Jones, OLB, 6-1/226, Jr.; Shane Pahukoa, S, 6-3/195, Soph.; Travis Richardson, E, 6-4/245, Sr.; Tyrone Rodgers, T, 6-5/255, Jr.

Other key players: Brett Collins, LB, Jr.; Mike Dodd, K, Soph.; Steve Emertman, DT, Soph.; Chico Fraley, LB, Jr.; Lincoln Kennedy, G, Soph.; Mike Lustik, DE, Soph.; Charles Mincy, CB, Sr.; Tommie Smith, S, Soph.; Channing Wyles, Pr. Sr.

Schedule: San Jose State, Sept. 8; at Purdue, Sept. 15; Southern Cal, Sept. 22; at Colorado, Sept. 29; at Arizona State, Oct. 6; Oregon, Oct. 13; at Stanford, Oct. 20; California, Oct. 27; Arizona, Nov. 3; UCLA, Nov. 10; at Washington State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Huskies.

Site: Seattle.

Entering his 16th season at Washington, Coach Don James winces a bit as he hands the ball to a sophomore/freshman tandem at quarterback. He can, however, take comfort in an offensive line many rate tops in the Pac-10 and a defense that will keep the Huskies in every game.

"We've got a chance to be pretty good on defense because we have so many people who run so well," James explained.

Yet the very nature of the new Husky offense—a wide-open, single-back attack installed last year—means young quarterbacks cannot hide behind a steady stream of handoffs and pitchouts. James isn't inclined to restrict the passing anyway, pointing out that sophomore Mark Brunell has grown accustomed to the set through two springs and a season as Cary Conklin's backup. Last year, Conklin stepped in cold and passed for nearly 2,600 yards. Tailback Greg Lewis (1,100 yards rush-

ing in 1989) and a Dean Kirkland-led line that returns four starters will make things easier on Brunell and backup Billy Joe Hobert, a redshirt freshman. Burners Orlando McKay and Mario Bailey, a pair of small-statured, big-play receivers, head a deep pass-catching corps.

Defense, as usual, is expected to decide the Huskies' ultimate fate. Late last season, coordinator Jim Lambright turned loose a wildly aggressive attack squad that surrendered just 30 points in the final three games, including a 34-7 rout of Florida in the Freedom Bowl. That's a stiff shot of confidence heading into 1990.

Four starters are lost from last season—three who were taken in the NFL draft and another, free safety Eugene Burkhalter, who skipped his senior year but wasn't drafted. The hole left by Burkhalter might be the most difficult to fill, although Dennis Brown's replacement on the line, Oklahoma transfer Tyrone Rodgers, suffered a knee injury in spring practice.

Despite two losses at linebacker, the Huskies won't miss a beat with Donald Jones emerging as a hell-bent force outside and James Clifford, the Pac-10's leading tackler in 1989, back for another season.

ARIZONA

Coach: Dick Tomey (19-12-3, 3 years; 82-58-6 overall, 13 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (beat North Carolina State in Copper Bowl). Pac-10: 5-3/T2nd.

Key losses: John Brandom, G; David Eldridge, RB; Scott Geyer, S; Ken Hakes, NG; Kip Lewis, WR; Olaitide Ogunfoditimi, WR; Glenn Parker, OT; Donnie Salum, LB; Chris Singleton, LB; Anthony Smith, DT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *John Fina, T, 6-5/250, Jr.; *Nick Fineanganofo, G, 6-5/311, Jr.; Rob Flory, T, 6-5/279, Sr.; *Richard Griffith, TE, 6-5/239, Soph.; *Mario Hampton, FB, 6-0/217, Jr.; Kyle Jan, SE, 6-4/218, Soph.; David Lockhart, FL, 5-8/169, Soph.; *Reggie McGill, HB, 5-9/195, Sr.; *Paul Tofflemire, C, 6-2/267, Jr.; *Ronald Veal, QB, 5-10/188, Sr.; Rick Warren, G, 6-1/259, Jr.

Defense: *Zeno Alexander, OLB, 6-1/224, Sr.;

*Todd Burden, CB, 6-1/184, Sr.; *Darren Case, ILB, 6-2/219, Sr.; Paul Glonek, NG, 6-5/275, Sr.;

*Jeff Hammerschmidt, S, 5-10/188, Sr.; *Richard Holt, S, 6-2/195, Jr.; *Reggie Johnson, T, 6-4/237, Sr.; *Darryl Lewis, CB, 5-9/186, Sr.; Arnulf Mobley, OLB, 6-4/207, Sr.; Ty Parten, T, 6-5/257, Soph.; Howie Powers, LB, 6-3/219, Sr.

Other key players: Michael Bates, TB, Soph.; Anthony Bonifazio, WR, Fr. (RS); Heath Bray, S, Soph.; Gary Coston, K, Sr.; Adam Grand, P, Jr.; Art Greathouse, RB, Sr.; Mike Heemsbergen, OT, Jr. (JC); Jimmie Hopkins, OLB, Fr. (RS); George Malauulu, QB, Soph.; Steve McLaughlin, P, Jr. (JC); Ty Parten, DT, Soph.; Errol Sapp, RB, Soph.; Vincent Smith, OT, Soph. (transfer/Colorado); Mike Streidig, FB, Sr.; Marcel Wade, ILB, Soph.

Schedule: Illinois, Sept. 8; at New Mexico, Sept. 15; Oregon, Sept. 22; California, Sept. 29; at UCLA, Oct. 6; at Oregon State, Oct. 13; at Southern Cal, Oct. 20; Washington State, Oct. 27; at Washington, Nov. 3; Stanford, Nov. 10; Arizona State, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Tucson, Ariz.

Injuries and off-field casualties at Arizona sidelined 12 starters over the course of 1989, yet the Wildcats were able to complete an 8-4 season culminated by a 17-10 victory over North Carolina State in the hometown Copper Bowl.

"The way we were able to have a good year without things going perfectly for us means that we're going in the right direction," said Coach Dick Tomey, whose 10 conference victories in the last two years are second only to USC's 14 wins.

"We had so many guys go down before and during the season, that no matter who it was—even (All-Pac-10 safety) Jeff Hammerschmidt or (All-Pac-10 defensive lineman) Anthony Smith—our players' attitude was just incredible. They just said, 'Who's next? Let's go!'"

Heading into 1990, Arizona must replace two first-round draft picks on defense: Smith and outside linebacker Chris Singleton. The 'Cats mettle surfaced early, as Arnulf Mobley moved from inside to outside linebacker and enjoyed an outstanding spring. Iowa transfer Paul Glonek is expected to plug Smith's spot on the line.

Few questions exist elsewhere. With Hammerschmidt returning from knee surgery to lead the Pac-10's most experienced secondary and pass rusher Reggie Johnson emerging on the line, opponents will earn every completion. Darryl Lewis is a quick, agile cornerback, and there is a solid base at linebacker with starters Darren Case and Zeno Alexander joining Mobley.

Arizona's offense came to life after switching to the Power-I from the run-and-shoot in midseason. With the new set, the Wildcats averaged 305 yards rushing per game.

Tomey is counting on a deep stable of running backs to lead the conference in rushing for the fourth straight year. Seven

of last season's top eight backs return, notably Reggie McGill, Michael Bates (perhaps the fastest player in the league), slippery Errol Sapp and starting fullback Mario Hampton. Senior Art Greathouse also returns after redshirting with a heel injury.

The key to the Arizona offense, however, is whether quarterbacks Ronald Veal and George Malauulu issue an aerial threat. If they can't improve on 81.6 yards passing per game, defenses will prey on the ground game.

OREGON

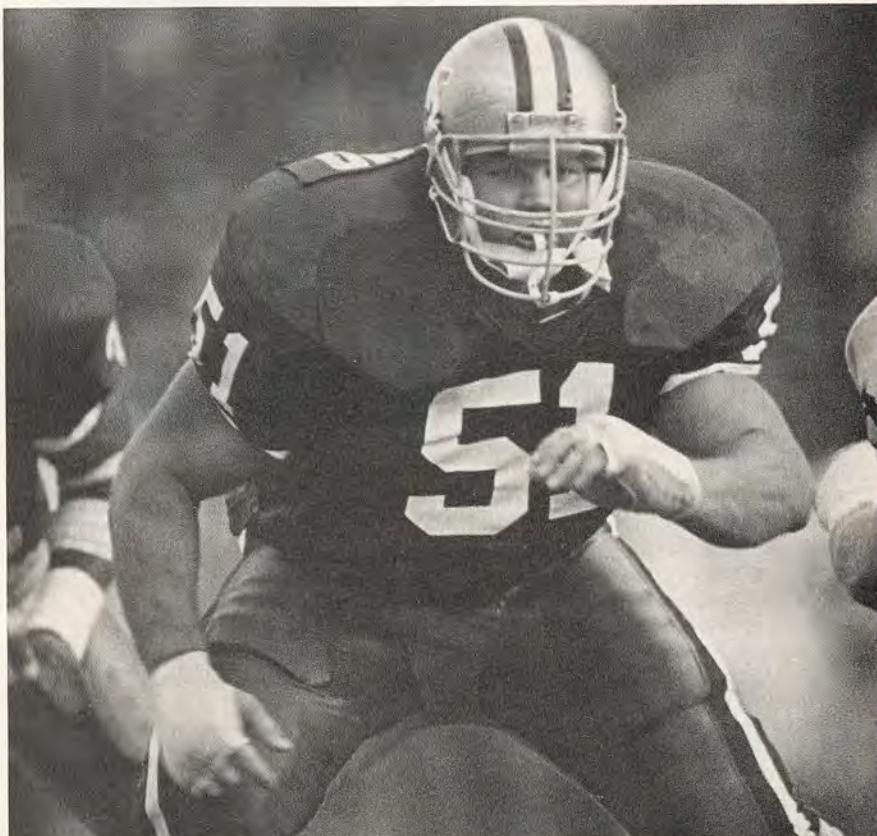
Coach: Rich Brooks (60-81-4, 13 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (beat Tulsa in Independence Bowl). Pac-10: 5-3/T2nd.

Key losses: Latin Berry, FB; David Cusano, NT; Curt Dykes, OT; Derek Horton, S; Chris Husko, G; Mark Kearns, LB; Todd Kunzman, G; Derek Loville, TB; Joe Meerten, TE; Terry Obree, FL; Chris Oldham, CB; Daryl Reed, CB; Andre Williams, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Scot Boatright, C, 6-2/254, Sr.; Bud Bowie, G, 6-5/260, Jr.; Sean Burwell, TB, 5-11/181, Fr. (RS); *David Collinsworth, T, 6-5/280, Soph.; *Tony Hargain, FL, 6-2/191, Sr.; Brandon Jumper, FB, 6-3/234, Soph.; Todd Kaanapu, T, 6-3/271, Sr.; *Bill Musgrave, QB, 6-3/200, Sr.; Joe Reitzug, SE, 5-10/170, Sr.; Andy Sunia, G, 5-11/284, Sr.; Jeff Thomason, TE, 6-5/229, Jr. **Defense:** James Bautista, ILB, 6-1/232, Jr.; *Peter Brantley, OLB, 6-5/230, Sr.; *Andy Conner, OLB, 6-4/236, Jr.; Jeff Cummins, E, 6-6/255, Jr. (JC); *Rory Dairy, S, 5-9/190, Sr.; *Joe Farwell, ILB, 6-3/210, Soph.; Steve Kemp, S, 5-11/174, Sr.; *Matt LaBounty, E, 6-4/246, Jr.; Daryl Singleton, CB, 5-9/176, Sr.;

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Guard Dean Kirkland makes things easier for Washington's backfield.

Daryle Smith, CB, 6-1/181, Jr.; Marcus Woods, NT, 6-2/283, Jr.

Other key players: Eric Castle, S, Soph.; Ronnie Harris, SE, Fr. (RS); Devon Hosey, CB, Jr. (JC); Anthony Jones, FL, Soph.; Ngatu Kelemeni, TB, Soph.; Gregg McCallum, K, Jr.; Ben Rough, P, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: San Diego State, Sept. 8; Idaho, Sept. 15; at Arizona, Sept. 22; Brigham Young, Sept. 29; Utah State, Oct. 6; at Washington, Oct. 13; Arizona State, Oct. 20; Stanford, Oct. 27; UCLA, Nov. 3; at California, Nov. 10; at Oregon State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Ducks.

Site: Eugene, Ore.

Perhaps the biggest positive of Oregon's first eight-victory season since 1963 was what might have been—the Ducks actually came closer to winning nine or 10 games than their usual five or six.

"It's been a long, hard struggle," Coach Rich Brooks said, "but we're to the point that if we don't go to a bowl game (again), we'll be disappointed."

With quarterback Bill Musgrave back leading the charges following a 27-24 victory in last season's Independence Bowl, the Ducks are vying to make two straight bowl appearances for the first time ever—and potentially their first Rose Bowl visit since the 1957 team fell to Ohio State.

The Depth Chart

Trojans' Hartsuyker ready to reclaim job

Less than a minute remained in the 1990 Rose Bowl, and Michigan was driving for what could have been the game-winning touchdown. But as quarterback Michael Taylor dropped back to throw on fourth down, he was buried by Southern California defenders Craig Hartsuyker and Junior Seau.

Game over. USC wins, 17-10.

"I thought that was pretty interesting," Hartsuyker said last spring. "It was great to get in there and seal the game with a play like that. . . . It was a nice way for Junior to end his USC career and send me into this year."

Hartsuyker is stepping not just into Seau's outside linebacker spot, but also the position where he started as a sophomore in 1988.

"He did a good job as a starter for us, but he actually played the last three games with a stress fracture in his foot," USC defensive coordinator Chris Allen said. "Craig had to miss the spring ('89), and Seau came in and took his job away when he was out."

The experience wasn't quite as humbling as it might sound.

"Everyone realized—including myself—that Junior was going to be a great player, and it was just a matter of time before he came into his own," said Hartsuyker, a 6-foot-4, 215-pound senior. "And it feels better when the guy who starts ahead of you winds up being the fifth guy picked in the NFL draft."

Musgrave has displayed the durability he lacked early in his career and is on target to break virtually all of the Oregon passing records held by Dan Fouts and Chris Miller. Entering his senior year, he has thrown for 5,732 yards with an impressive 43-28 touchdowns-to-interceptions ratio.

Behind him is a young, highly touted backfield led by Ngatu Kelemeni, Sean Burwell and Brandon Jumper. In front, the line revolves around center Scot Boatright and tackle David Collinsworth.

When Musgrave couldn't move Oregon across the stripe in 1989, kicker Gregg McCallum came through with 22 field goals in 29 attempts, tying for the Division I-A lead.

On defense, the Ducks return just five starters—one less than a year ago, when they improved from third to second in the league in total defense. The addition of junior college standout Jeff Cummins will help up front, where Matt LaBounty is the lone starter back.

The linebackers are solid with Peter Brantley showing all-league potential, but problems may arise at the corners, where Chris Oldham and Daryl Reed were drafted into the NFL.



While Seau was earning All-America honors at Hartsuyker's position in 1989, Hartsuyker wasn't just sulking. He became Seau's sidekick in passing situations, recording nine sacks and two other tackles behind the line.

"I ended up being the 12th man, so to speak," he said, "and we'd both go in there and rush the passer. . . . We had a lot of fun."

Hartsuyker missed spring practice nursing the stress fracture that he aggravated in winter workouts. But he'll be a focal point of the Trojan defense this fall. Said Allen: "He's the one proven pass rusher we have."

—DON BORST

STANFORD

Coach: Dennis Green (3-8, 1 year; 13-53 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 3-8. Pac-10: 3-5/T7th.

Key losses: Lester Archambeau, DT; Rob Englehardt, S; Alan Grant, CB; Rob Hinckley, LB; Bruce Lang, LB; Andy Papathanassiou, G; Jim Price, TE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Darran Baird, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Turner Baur, TE, 6-5/236, Jr.; Brian Cassidy, G, 6-5/290, Fr. (RS); *Chuck Gillingham, G, 6-4/275, Sr.; *Ed McCaffrey, WR, 6-6/220, Sr.; Glyn Milburn, HB, 5-9/170, Soph. (RS/transfer); *Rick Pallow, C, 6-4/245, Soph.; Jason Palumbis, QB, 6-3/205, Jr.; *Jon Pinckney, SE, 6-2/175, Jr.; *Jon Volpe, FB, 5-7/195, Sr.; *Bob Whitfield, T, 6-7/300, Soph. **Defense:** Seyon Albert, S, 6-0/180, Soph.; *Matt Borkowski, T, 6-3/250, Soph.; Frank Busalacchi, E, 6-5/265, Soph.; *Dave Garnett, ILB, 6-1/220, Soph.; Ron George, OLB, 6-2/225, Soph.; Becket Hinckley, OLB, 6-2/225, Soph.; Kevin Puk, ILB, 6-2/230, Soph.; *Aaron Rembsz, NG, 6-3/245, Soph.; *Albert Richardson, CB, 6-0/195, Jr.; *Kevin Scott, CB, 5-11/182, Sr.; *Jono Tunney, ILB, 6-2/235, Sr.

Other key players: Estevan Avila, NG, Soph.; Tyler Batson, DE, Soph.; Cory Booker, TE, Jr.; Galen Foster, HB, Soph.; Darrien Gordon, FL, Soph.; John Hopkins, K, Sr.; Derron Klafter, OT, Soph.; *J.J. Lasley, RB, Soph.; Tuan Van Le, S, Jr.; John Lynch, QB, Soph.; Scott Palm bush, DE, Sr.; *Steve Smith, QB, Soph.; Paul Stonehouse, P, Soph.; Tommy Vardell, FB, Jr.; Tom Williams, ILB, Soph.

Schedule: At Arizona, Sept. 2; at Oregon State, Sept. 9; Oregon, Sept. 23; San Jose State, Sept. 30; Notre Dame, Oct. 7; at Washington State, Oct. 14; Utah, Oct. 21; at Southern Cal, Oct. 28; UCLA, Nov. 4; at Arizona State, Nov. 11; California, Nov. 18.

Nickname: Cardinal.

Site: Stanford, Calif.

Now that Glyn Milburn has arrived as a living, breathing, eligible halfback and Jon Volpe has returned as a healthy, effective fullback, Stanford has the horses to power the balanced offense Coach Dennis Green has longed for.

In the last five years, the Cardinal has finished just one season with a rushing average of at least 125 yards per game—in the 1986 Gator Bowl season, the high-water mark of the 1980s. Last year, Stanford ranked 95th in Division I-A, grinding out 90.4 yards per game.

The Milburn-Volpe combination will offer opponents a disturbing challenge behind a Stanford line that returns four starters, notably 300-pound tackle Bob Whitfield. Volpe gained 1,027 yards in 1988 (the rest of the team added 92 more) but redshirted last season with knee and shoulder injuries. Milburn, the Oklahoma transfer, blew minds on the scout team with his big-play potential.

The Stanford receivers are among the most dangerous in the Pac-10. All-American candidate Ed McCaffrey and Jon Pinckney combined last season for 76 receptions, a total well within reach in 1990. Sophomore quarterback Steve Smith is all the better for his 1989 baptism under fire, and junior Jason Palumbis has regained arm strength following off-season shoulder surgery.

On defense, however, just five starters return from a unit that was only adequate last season. Green is counting on leadership from cornerback Kevin Scott and linebacker Jono Tunney. If speed can't make up for the lack of experience, the potentially explosive Cardinal offense might not spell the difference.

WASHINGTON STATE

Coach: Mike Price (6-5, 1 year; 52-49 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 6-5. Pac-10: 3-5/T7th.

Key losses: Steve Broussard, RB; Marlin Brown, DE; Tim Downing, DT; Randy Gray, DE; Dan Grayson, LB; John Husby, OT; Mark Ledbetter, LB; Roosevelt Noble, CB; Tony Savage, DT; Tim Stallworth, WR; Doug Wellsandt, TE; Paul Wulff, C.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Steve Cromer, G, 6-5/270, Sr.; *C.J. Davis, FL, 6-0/192, Jr.; *Bob Garman, T, 6-5/281, Jr.; *Brad Gossen, QB, 6-2/208, Sr.; *Calvin Griggs, SE, 5-11/175, Sr.; Robert Norvell, G, 6-3/252, Sr.; *Mike Smith, C, 6-3/280, Sr.; Rich Swinton, RB, 5-8/184, Sr.; Clarence Williams, TE, 6-3/223, Soph.; Steve Wolfe, T, 6-4/271, Soph.; Ron Young, FL, 6-3/203, Sr. **Defense:** *Lewis Bush, OLB, 6-2/225, Jr.; John Diggs, S, 5-10/190, Sr.; *Alvin Dunn, S, 6-1/192, Sr.; *Chris Moton, S, 6-3/209, Sr.; Konrad Pimiskern, T, 6-4/260, Soph.; Rod Plummer, ILB, 6-2/214, Jr.; *Ron Ricard, CB, 5-10/171, Sr.; Dan Webber, E, 6-5/265, Sr.; Kirk Westerfield, E, 6-7/265, Jr.; Jeron Woodley, T, 6-4/277, Sr.; Michael Wright, CB, 6-1/190, Jr.

Other key players: Phillip Bobo, WR, Fr. (RS); Paul Carr, RB, Jr.; Desmond Clayton, SE, Soph.; Aaron Garcia, QB, Soph.; Jason Hanson, K/P, Jr.; Rodney Johnson, WR, Jr.; Augustin Olobia, SE, Jr.; Malik Roberson, LB, Fr. (RS); Constantino Romero, DT, Jr.; Vince Saldivar, DE, Fr. (RS); Jody Sears, WR, Sr.; Lee Tilleman, DE, Jr.; Andy Tribble, OT, Soph.

Schedule: at Texas Christian, Sept. 1; Wyoming, Sept. 8; at Brigham Young, Sept. 15; California, Sept. 22; UCLA, Sept. 29; at Southern California, Oct. 6; at Oregon State, Oct. 20; at Arizona, Oct. 27; at Stanford, Nov. 3; Arizona State, Nov. 10; Washington, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Cougars.

Site: Pullman, Wash.

Coach Mike Price says his priority in Pullman is to "build a defense that we will be known for . . . so defensive players will want to come to Washington State to be part of the tradition."

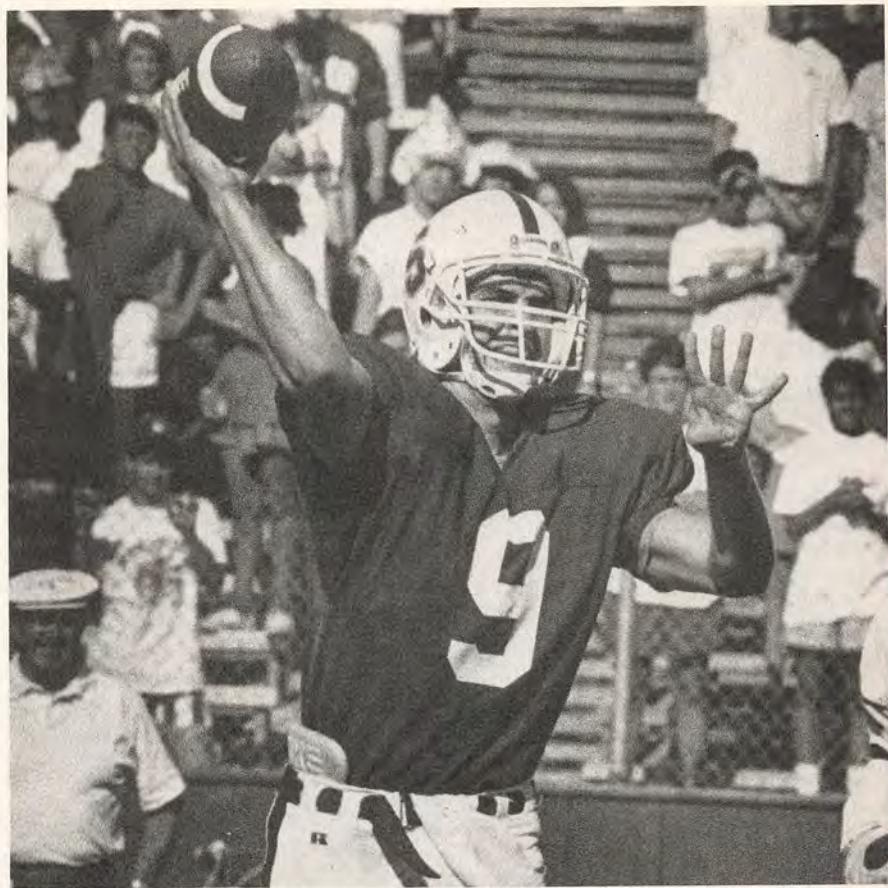
This doesn't look like the season he'll want to preserve on videotape. Only four starters return from the Pac-10's ninth-ranked defense of 1989, and three are in the league's most abused secondary. That leaves Lewis Bush, who is being moved from rover back to linebacker, as perhaps the only veteran around the snap.

With the entire starting line gone, the Cougars are pinning their hopes on defensive end Dan Webber's return from a shoulder injury and tackle Jeron Woodley regaining his eligibility.

The offense, on the other hand, could be explosive despite the loss of wide receiver Tim Stallworth and superback Steve Broussard, the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year in 1989.

Senior quarterback Brad Gossen and impressive stand-in Aaron Garcia (14th in passing efficiency in Division I-A in 1989) have a number of talented receivers and a solid offensive line led by Mike Smith, who moves from guard to center. If running back Rich Swinton plays like the back who rushed for 980 yards in 1988, the Cougars' could field a wildly exciting offense.

Consensus All-America kicker Jason Hanson, one of the leading scorers in Division I-A last season, brings back his productive leg, adding punting duties to his chores.



Stanford quarterback Steve Smith is all the better for his 1989 baptism.

OREGON STATE

Coach: Dave Kragthorpe (12-38-2, 5 years; 40-59-2 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 4-7-1. Pac-10: 3-4-1/6th.

Key losses: Mike Bailey, OT; Mark Bennett, P; Troy Bussanich, K; Pat Chaffey, FB; Reggie Hubbard, FL; Billy Hughey, S; Matt Irvin, G; Rob Jack, C; Mike Maggiore, DE; Pellom McDaniels, DE; Phil Ross, TE; Bruce Sanders, LB; Scott Sanders, LB; Pete Steffen, G; Larry Vladic, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Dan Blus, G, 6-1/268, Jr.; *Matt Booher, QB, 6-2/196, Sr.; George Breland, TE, 6-4/218, Sr.; *Brad D'Ancona, T, 6-3/302, Sr.; Al Griswold, SE, 5-8/161, Sr.; James Jones, FB, 6-2/244, Soph.; Fletcher Keister, T, 6-4/289, Soph.; Derek Nelons, G, 6-3/288, Sr.; Tom Nordquist, C, 6-2/259, Jr.; *Reggie Pitchford, TB, 5-10/205, Sr.; *Maurice Wilson, FL, 5-8/168, Soph. **Defense:** *Brian Beck, CB, 5-8/168, Sr.; *Martin Billings, E, 6-3/236, Sr.; Eric Davis, ILB, 6-0/239, Jr.; Spencer Fields, S, 6-0/182, Sr.; *Brent Huff, CB, 5-10/166, Jr.; Doug Lewis, OLB, 5-11/213, Jr.; Todd McKinney, OLB, 6-3/209, Sr.; Sailusi Pouliavaati, E, 6-2/274, Soph.; *Todd Sahlfeld, ILB, 6-3/227, Jr.; Scott Thompson, S, 6-1/191, Sr.; *Esera Tuaolo, NG, 6-4/268, Sr.

Other key players: Adam Albaugh, OT, Fr. (RS); Corey Brannon, DE, Jr. (RS); Jim Buchanan, G, Fr. (RS); Greg Juul, DE, Jr.; Jason Kent, WR, Sr.; Rick McCathron, G, Fr. (RS); Torey Overstreet, CB, Sr.; Mark Price, LB, Soph.

Schedule: Montana, Sept. 1; at Kansas, Sept. 8; UNLV, Sept. 15; at Stanford, Sept. 22; at Nebraska, Sept. 29; Arizona, Oct. 13; Washington State, Oct. 20; at UCLA, Oct. 27; at Arizona State, Nov. 3; Southern Cal, Nov. 10; Oregon, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Beavers.

Site: Corvallis, Ore.

Now that the Ducks have established they can win four games a season (they've done it twice in a row after a 16-

year drought), Coach Dave Kragthorpe believes the program has the talent base and right kind of schedule to take things a step further in 1990.

"It's up to us to take advantage of it," Kragthorpe said of a slate that opens against Montana, Kansas and Nevada-Las Vegas, besides offering six home games for the first time since 1930.

The way Kragthorpe sees it, the sixth-place team in the Pac-10 ought to fare well against that slate. Though the schedule toughens considerably, with Nebraska serving as the fourth non-conference opponent, a fast start would go a long way toward avoiding a 20th consecutive losing season.

Defensively, the Ducks are strong up front and in the secondary, but untested at linebacker. The line is built around nose guard Esera Tuaolo, who was voted by opposing offensive linemen as the Pac-10's outstanding defensive lineman in 1989. Brent Huff and Brian Beck rate among the best pair of cornerbacks in the league.

At linebacker, Todd Sahlfeld is the lone starter back, what with Martin Billings' move to defensive end. Help could come from junior Eric Davis, who showed signs in spring practice of becoming the force he was projected to be as a blue-chip recruit.

Fullback James Jones and a host of tailbacks will try to replace the production of multi-purpose back Pat Chaffey. Quarterback Matt Booher, meanwhile, is trying to learn the fine line between taking advan-

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SCOUTING THE PACIFIC-10

Tough guy: Sam Sagapolu, California's 6-foot, 320-pound offensive guard, was born in American Samoa and raised in New Zealand. The junior college transfer has played only two years of football. Following a two-year Mormon mission, he added football to his list of hobbies, which includes boxing and spear hunting for sharks.

Program of the '90s: Arizona State. The Sun Devils have a lot going for them, starting with the excellent coaching of Larry Marmie. They also have shown a knack for corralling top-notch Midwestern talent, and the fertile recruiting base of Southern California is nearby. In addition, Arizona State's athletic facilities are the envy of the league and perhaps the best in the nation. The Sun Devils have the makings of an outstanding program.

Most underrated player: Esera Tuaolo, DT, Oregon State. The physically dominating Tuaolo plays his best against the best. He also is an accomplished singer. He has sung the national anthem before Beavers basketball games and at the NCAA women's gymnastics championships last April in Corvallis.

Impact newcomers: Arnold Ale, LB, UCLA, Soph. (transfer/Notre Dame); Walter Bailey, CB, Washington, Soph. (transfer/Western Washington); Mike Chalenski, DE, UCLA, Soph. (transfer/Pittsburgh); Jeff Cummins, DE, Oregon, Jr. (JC); Tyrone Rodgers, DT, Washington, Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma); Leonard Russell, TB, Arizona State, Jr. (JC); Phillipi Sparks, CB, Arizona State, Jr. (JC/RS); Bruce Walker, LB, UCLA,



Oregon's Bill Musgrave

Fr.; Russell White, TB, California, Soph. (Prop 48).

From Down Under: Arizona State punter Brad Williams was reared in Perth, Australia. Williams, who also competes on the Sun Devil tennis team, can kick on the run, thanks to his training in Aussie football.

Best bets: Oregon will go bowling for the second consecutive season if quarterback Bill Musgrave remains healthy. UCLA Coach Terry Donahue will say that the Red Cross couldn't help his team and that his Bruins will be lucky to avoid the league's basement.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Ricky Ervin, Southern Cal, 115.4 yds.pg (239 att., 1,269 yds., 9 TDs, 5.3 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Aaron Garcia, Washington State, 139.1 rating pts. (189 att., 115 comp., 1,591 yds., 11 TDs); Paul Justin, Arizona State, 139.1 rating pts. (314 att., 183 comp., 2,591 yds., 17 TDs).

Total offense: Paul Justin, Arizona State, 246 yds.pg (-131 yds. rushing, 2,591 yds. passing, 2,460 total yds.).

Receiving: Brian Treggs, California, 4.9 rec.pg (54 rec., 746 yds., 4 TDs, 13.8 avg.).

Scoring: Gregg McCallum, Oregon, 9.1 pts.pg (0 TDs, 34 PATs, 22 FGs, 100 pts.).

Punting: Robbie Keen, California, 43.5 avg. (59 punts, 2,565 yds.).

Punt returns: Eric Guliford, Arizona State, 10 avg. (25 att., 249 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Michael Bates, Arizona, 24.1 avg. (14 att., 338 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Gregg McCallum, Oregon, 2 FG.pg (22/29 FGs, 75.9%).

Interceptions: Nathan LaDuke, Arizona State, .55 int.pg (6 int., 63 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY

tage of his speed and bailing out of the pocket too soon. He'll probably throw on the run quite often ... the offensive line must be almost entirely rebuilt.

CALIFORNIA

Coach: Bruce Snyder (12-18-3, 3 years; 51-55-4 overall, 10 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Pac-10: 2-6/10th.

Key losses: Darrin Greer, S; Dwayne Jones, S; David Ortega, LB; Doug Parrish, DB; Dan Slevin, LB; Michael Smith, WR; Tony Smith, G; Faasamala Tagaloa, WR; Troy Taylor, QB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Troy Au-zenne, T, 6-7/270, Jr.; Steve Gordon, C, 6-4/270, Jr.; Tim Green, WR, 6-3/190, Jr.; Mike Pawlawski, QB, 6-3/205, Jr.; *James Richards, G, 6-4/290, Sr.; *Ernie Rogers, T, 6-5/290, Sr.; Sam Sagapolu, G, 6-0/320, Jr.; *Brian Treggs, WR, 5-10/170, Jr.; *Anthony Wallace, TB, 6-1/195, Sr.; *Brent Woodall, TE, 6-4/235, Jr.; *Greg Zomait, FB, 6-2/205, Soph. **Defense:** Bill Ayer, ILB, 6-4/225, Fr. (RS); *John Belli, NG, 6-2/265, Sr.; Cornell Collier, OLB, 6-2/230, Jr.; Joel Dickson, T, 6-3/265, Sr. (RS); *Ron English, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; *Rhett Hall, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; John Hardy, CB, 6-0/180, Sr. (RS); *DeWayne Odom, OLB, 6-3/235, Sr.; *Castle Redmond, ILB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Raymond Sanders, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; *David Wilson, CB, 6-1/195, Jr.

Other key players: Chidi Ahanotu, DT, Soph.; Mike Beebe, QB, Soph.; Mike Caldwell, WR, Fr. (RS); Robbie Keen, P/K, Sr.; Perry Klein, QB, Fr. (RS); Anthony Randolph, WR, Soph.; Scott Roseman, OLB, Soph.; Damien Semien, WR, Fr. (RS); Mack Travis, NG, Soph.; Chris Westerman, OG, Sr.; Russell White, RB, Soph. (RS).

Schedule: At Wisconsin, Sept. 8; Miami (Fla.), Sept. 15; at Washington State, Sept. 22; at Arizona, Sept. 29; San Jose State, Oct. 6; at Arizona State, Oct. 13; UCLA, Oct. 20; at Washington, Oct. 27; at Southern Cal, Nov. 3; Oregon, Nov. 10; Stanford, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Golden Bears.

Site: Berkeley, Calif.

For the first time in four years at the California helm, Bruce Snyder has to find a starting quarterback. He doesn't have Troy Taylor for defenses to kick around anymore.

Taylor passed for more career yardage than anyone else in Cal history—and likely was dumped more than anyone before him. The Golden Bears have yielded 106 sacks the last three years, which makes one wonder why Mike Pawlawski and Perry Klein are working so hard to become the next quarterback in line.

With four returning starters up front, however, Snyder expects experience to heal those open wounds and allow the Bears to mix in a ground game. Returning tailback Anthony Wallace and former prep sensation Russell White can light up the turf. When Cal goes airborne, wide receiver Brian Treggs will get most of the attention.

The offense should have yet another weapon in kicker/punter Robbie Keen, who hit 21 of 25 field-goal attempts as a sophomore but only nine of 16 last fall.

The defense that allowed 26.2 points per game has six starters returning, but reinforcements are on the way in 1988 starters Joel Dickson at tackle and John Hardy at cornerback. Tackle Rhett Hall, linebacker DeWayne Odom and Raymond Sanders are big-play types who need to gain consistency. If they do, the Bears could escape the Pac-10 cellar. ■

The Envelope, Please

Best offensive line:

Washington State

Best offensive backfield:

UCLA

Best backup quarterback:

Pat O'Hara, Southern Cal

Best wide receivers:

Washington

Best clutch receiver:

Brian Treggs, California

Best defensive line:

Washington

Best-hitting DL:

Mike Chalenski, UCLA

Best linebackers:

UCLA

Best-hitting LB:

James Clifford, Washington

Best defensive backfield:

UCLA

Best-hitting DB:

Darryl Lewis, Arizona

Best kicking game:

Washington State

Best specialty units:

Arizona

Best special-teams player:

Rickey Fizer, Oregon State

Best special-teams hitter:

Tuan Van Le, Stanford

Best coaching staff:

Arizona

Best coach:

Terry Donahue, UCLA

Best offensive assistant:

Homer Smith, UCLA

Best defensive assistant:

Larry MacDuff, Arizona

Best Heisman candidate:

Todd Marinovich, QB, Southern Cal

Thriving SEC teams weather the winds of change

By TONY BARNHART
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

For a league that produced six bowl representatives and had only three teams with losing records last season, the Southeastern Conference underwent some significant—and in some cases illogical—changes as it ushered in a new decade.

First, the illogical.

Bill Curry, who led Alabama to a 10-1 record and the school's first Sugar Bowl berth since 1979, felt so overburdened by the Crimson Tide fans' terminal Bear Bryant fixation that he picked up and left for the saner football clime of Kentucky.

After searching the universe for a Bear-like replacement who was not the head coach at Auburn, Alabama settled on Gene Stallings, the former Crimson Tide assistant who has posted exactly one winning season in 10-plus years as a head coach. Stallings, who coached Texas A&M for seven seasons and the St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals of the National Football League for three-plus, has surrounded himself with Alabama people and, for the first time since Ray Perkins left, everything appears peaceful in Tuscaloosa—for now.

At Tennessee, it would not have been unreasonable for Coach Johnny Majors to be ecstatic over his team's 11-1 season and victory over Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl. But nooooooo. Majors was convinced



Fullback James Joseph makes the most out of Auburn's conservative, ground-oriented attack.

that a 47-30 loss to Alabama cost the Volunteers a national championship and he spent much of the off-season searching out five new coaches who could come in and do it right.

But there also were some logical developments, one of which could eventually change the power structure of the league.

After a silly, drawn-out flirtation period last December, Florida hired the only man who could save the football program from itself. Steve Spurrier, Florida's 1966 Heisman Trophy winner and one of the nation's bright young coaching talents, will install a pro-style offense that eventually could affect the way the game is played in the SEC. The former record-setting Gator quarterback transformed Duke from an Atlantic Coast Conference also-ran into an ACC co-champion in three short years. If the Gators are not hit hard by a pending NCAA investigation, they could be a force in a hurry.

Logic also prevailed at Vanderbilt, where Watson Brown, coming off a second 1-10 season in four years as coach, hired four proven assistant coaches, two of whom have head coaching backgrounds. Steve Sloan, a former head man at Vanderbilt and three other schools, will install a new offense. Doug Mathews, the defensive coordinator who helped guide Tennessee to its successful 1989 season, will perform the same function with the Commodores. But a brutal schedule and a dearth of talent probably will keep Van-

derbilt cemented near the bottom of the SEC for the time being.

Despite all the comings and goings, one thing likely will not change as the 1990s unfold. Auburn will remain the team to beat. In fact, the conference title could be decided September 29 when Tennessee travels to Auburn.

After Auburn and Tennessee, the field is mixed. Alabama has nine offensive starters returning and Mississippi has a lot of unsung talent. Georgia probably will fill out the first division, with such teams as Louisiana State, Florida, Mississippi State, Kentucky and Vanderbilt jockeying for position.

AUBURN

Coch: Pat Dye (81-25-2, 9 years; 135-48-3 overall, 16 years).

1989 record: 10-2 (beat Ohio State in Hall of Fame Bowl). SEC: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Eltin Billingslea, LB; John Hudson, C; Craig Ogletree, LB; Quentin Riggins, LB; Mark Rose, C; Reggie Slack, QB; Alex Strong, FB; Alexander Wright, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Ed Blake, G, 6-4/310, Jr. (JC); Jeff Catullo, T, 6-2/268, Soph.; *Stacy Danley, TB, 6-3/216, Sr.; *Victor Hall, TE, 6-3/228, Jr.; James Joseph, FB, 6-2/225, Sr.; *Ed King, G, 6-4/284, Jr.; Frank McIntosh, QB, 6-1/167, Sr.; *Bob Meeks, C, 6-2/279, Jr.; *Rob Selby, T, 6-5/279, Sr.; *Greg Taylor, WR, 5-8/166, Sr.; Shayne Wasden, WR, 5-9/169, Jr. **Defense:** *Corey Barlow, CB, 5-10/186, Jr.; *Darrel Crawford, ILB, 6-2/226, Jr.; Karekin Cunningham, ILB, 6-0/230, Soph.; Fernando Horn, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Bennie Pierce, OLB, 6-1/233, Soph.; *Eric Ramsey, CB, 6-0/189, Sr.; *David Rocker, T, 6-4/264, Sr.; Ricky Sutton, OLB, 6-3/250, Soph.; *Walter Tate, NG, 6-2/306, Soph.; *Dennis Wallace, S, 6-2/203, Sr.; *John Wiley, S, 6-0/186, Sr.

Other key players: Teapot Brown, FB, Jr.; Wayne Bylsma, LB, Jr.; Mike Campbell, DL, Sr.; Herbert Casey, WR, Soph.; Pedro Cherry, WR, Soph.; Tim Cromartie, NG, Jr.; Chris Gray, TE/OT, Soph.; Roy Hunter, DB, Sr.; Anthony Judge, LB, Jr.; Corey Lewis, QB, Soph.; Richie Nell, P, Sr.; Lamar Rogers, DT, Sr.; Richard Shea, NG, Jr.; Tim Tillman, OG, Soph.; Stan White, QB, Fr. (RS); Jim Von Wyl, K, Jr.; Darrell Williams, TB, Soph.

Schedule: Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 8; at Mississippi, Sept. 15; Tennessee, Sept. 29; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 6; Vanderbilt, Oct. 13; Florida State, Oct. 20; at Mississippi State, Oct. 27; at Florida, Nov. 3; Southern Mississippi, Nov. 10; Georgia, Nov. 17; at Alabama, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Auburn, Ala.

The 1989 Tigers won a share of their third straight SEC championship in what essentially was a rebuilding year. So the message is clear: Those who had thoughts of knocking off Auburn blew their chance. The 1990 Tigers could be cut from the cloth that produces national champions.

"We've obviously got to find a quarterback, but at every other position we have a chance to be as good or even better," said Pat Dye, who begins his 10th year as coach. "We should have a chance based on what I see coming back and what I see around the league."

What Dye sees coming back is a roster

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

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full of talent—specifically 14 starters and 55 lettermen.

The Tigers will miss quarterback Reggie Slack, but the signal-calling duties should be in capable hands with the return of Frank McIntosh, Slack's backup the last two seasons. If something happens to McIntosh, sophomore Corey Lewis and redshirt freshman Stan White will be ready to step in.

But the key to this Auburn team remains the same as all the others in the Dye era—the Tigers are blessed with an abundance of big, strong people up front. Start with guard Ed King, who might well be the best in the country at his position.

"When he is playing consistently, Ed King has no peer as a college offensive lineman," Dye said.

King will be joined by returning starters Rob Selby, a 279-pound tackle, and Bob Meeks, who likely will switch from tackle to center. Also in the mix will be junior college transfer Ed Blake, a 310-pounder who is slated for guard duty.

This potentially outstanding line should work wonders for returning running backs Stacy Danley and James Joseph, the Tigers' top two rushers from 1989. Auburn will stick to its conservative, ground-oriented style and let its high-powered defense provide most of the big plays.

The defensive front wall, featuring tackles David Rocker and Fernando Horn and noseguard Walter Tate, is enough to send shivers down the spine of opposing coaches. But there's more.

Darrel Crawford and Ricky Sutton are potentially outstanding linebackers and the Tigers' secondary returns intact, with John Wiley and Dennis Wallace at the safety positions and Eric Ramsey and Corey Barlow at the corners.

But make no mistake: Rocker is the straw that stirs the drink.

"By the time this season is over, David Rocker may be the best defensive lineman ever to play at Auburn," Dye said.

One major area of concern will be a kicking game that probably will focus on inexperienced field-goal man Jim Von Wyl and punter Richie Nell.

TENNESSEE

Coach: Johnny Majors (93-54-6, 13 years; 150-97-8 overall, 22 years).

1989 record: 11-1 (beat Arkansas in Cotton Bowl). SEC: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Kent Elmore, P; Tracy Hayworth, DE; Marion Hobby, DE; Eric Still, OG; Martin Williams, DT; Thomas Woods, SE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Mark Adams, TE, 6-3/241, Jr.; Doug Baird, G, 6-3/273, Sr.; *Antone Davis, T, 6-4/306, Sr.; *John Fisher, C, 6-4/271, Jr.; *Alvin Harper, WB, 6-3/204, Sr.; *Andy Kelly, QB, 6-3/205, Jr.; *Charles McRae, T, 6-7/291, Sr.; *Tom Myslinski, G, 6-2/281, Jr.; Carl Pickens, SE, 6-2/201, Soph.; *Roland Poles, FB, 6-0/241, Sr.; *Chuck Webb, TB, 5-10/197, Soph.

Defense: Carey Bailey, T, 6-0/271, Jr.; Dewayne Dotson, E, 6-2/251, Soph.; Earnest Fields, LB, 5-10/228, Jr.; Mark Fletcher, S, 5-11/196, Jr.; *Darryl Hardy, LB, 6-3/215, Jr.; Jeremy Lincoln, CB, 5-11/181, Jr.; Floyd Miley, CB, 5-10/198, Jr.; *Mark Moore, T, 6-4/254, Sr.; *Kacy Rodgers, ILB, 6-3/241, Jr.; *Preston Warren, S, 6-0/194, Sr. (switched from CB); Shon Walker, MLB, 6-0/211, Jr.

Other key players: Greg Amsler, FB, Sr.; David Bennett, S, Soph.; *Shazzon Bradley, DE, Jr.; Mario Brunson, LB, Fr.; Greg Burke, K, Sr.; Joey Chapman, P, Fr.; *Kelly Days, S, Sr.; *Keith Denson, CB, Sr.; Reggie Ingram, LB, Fr.; Todd Kelly, DE, Soph.; Rodger Lewis, S, Fr.; *J.J. McCleskey, CB, Soph.; Anthony Morgan, SE, Sr.; Von Reeves, TE, Jr.; James Wilson, DT, Soph.

Schedule: Colorado (at Anaheim, Calif.), Aug. 26; Pacific, Sept. 1; at Mississippi State, Sept. 8; Texas-El Paso, Sept. 15; at Auburn, Sept. 29; Florida, Oct. 13; Alabama, Oct. 20; Temple, Nov. 3; Notre Dame, Nov. 10; Mississippi (at Memphis, Tenn.), Nov. 17; Kentucky, Nov. 24; at Vanderbilt, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Volunteers.

Site: Knoxville, Tenn.

The 1989 season was both satisfying and frustrating for Majors.

The Vols used a powerful running game to grind out 11 wins, but Majors was frustrated by the loss to Alabama that, he is convinced, cost him his second national championship as a head coach (his Pittsburgh team finished atop the national rankings in 1976).

With 17 returning starters and several junior college recruits who could provide immediate help, Tennessee could get back into the national championship picture in 1990.

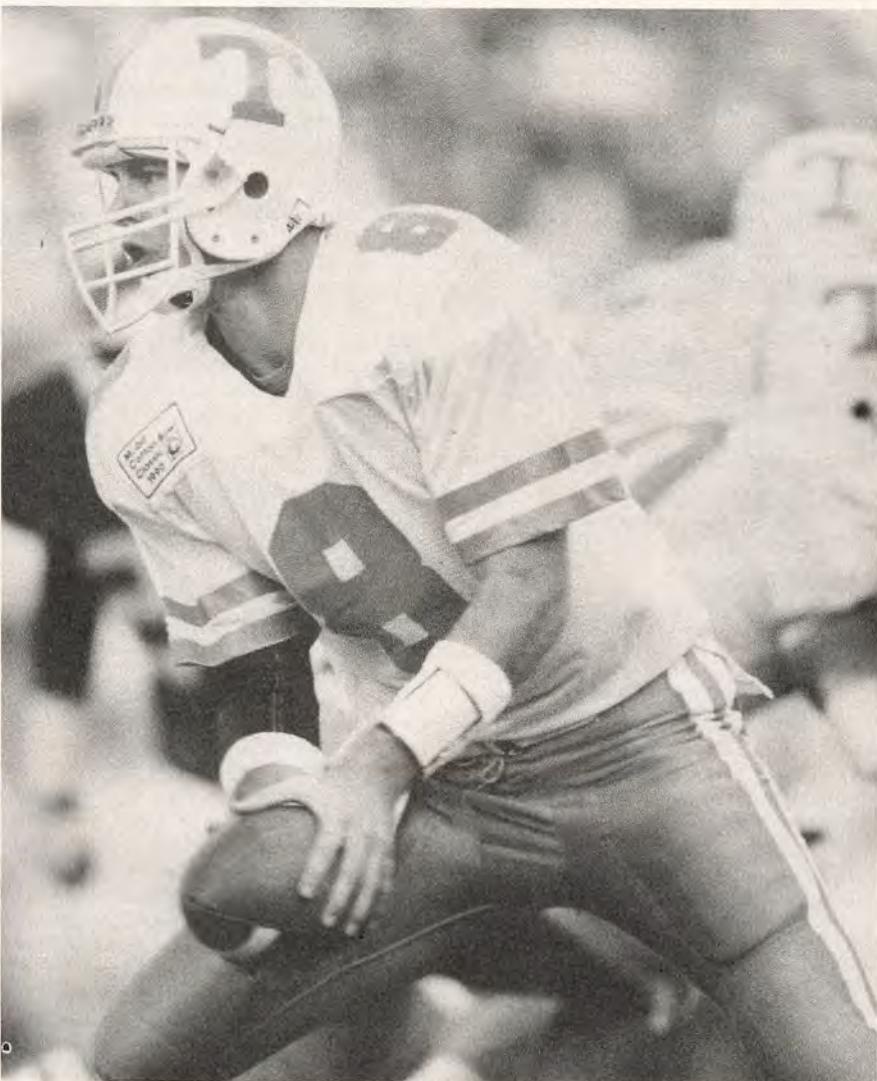
The key question is the status of run-

ning back Chuck Webb, who spent the spring and summer trying to get himself academically eligible for 1990 competition. Webb became Tennessee's starting tailback at midseason and the talented freshman went on to rush for 1,236 yards, the second-best total in the SEC and 54 yards short of a school record. Webb capped his big season with a 250-yard, two-touchdown performance in the Cotton Bowl.

Another late addition to Tennessee's starting lineup was quarterback Andy Kelly, who took over against Louisiana State in game seven and proceeded to pass for 1,299 yards and seven touchdowns. Kelly needs to cut back on his nine interceptions, but he promises to develop into a dangerous trigger man who can give Majors some offensive diversity.

Webb and Kelly will be joined by seven other returning starters, including talented wide receivers Carl Pickens and Alvin Harper. Pickens, only a sophomore, doubled last season as a pass catcher and defensive safety, but if Majors plans to use him strictly on offense in 1990 he could produce big numbers.

Four starters, including talented tackle Antone Davis, return to a solid offensive



Tennessee's Andy Kelly promises to develop into a dangerous trigger man.

line.

Eight starters return to a defense that struggled at times a year ago. Majors is hoping the unit can develop consistency under the watchful eye of new coordinator Larry Lacewell. The blocks around which Lacewell will build are tackle Mark Moore, linebacker Darryl Hardy and safety Preston Warren.

"We don't have an impact player on defense, but I'm hoping we'll be better," Majors said. "Even though eight starters return, we're trying to reconstruct a below-average defense."

The biggest 1990 problem will be a schedule that includes such outside heavyweights as Colorado and Notre Dame as well as the usual SEC powers, including Auburn on the road.

"We have some bright spots and some tremendous concerns," Majors said. "We could have a highly competent offense if everybody returns. But there are a lot of question marks. We've got a chance to be a decent football team, but it's going to be a dogfight every time we go out."

ALABAMA

Coach: Gene Stallings (first year at Alabama; 27-45-1 overall, 7 years).

1989 record: 10-2 (lost to Miami, Fla., in Sugar Bowl). SEC: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Marco Battle, SE; Vantreise Davis, LB; John Mangum, CB; Keith McCants, LB; Lee Ozmitt, S; Thomas Rayam, DE; Vince Strickland, OT; Willie Wyatt, NT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Terrill Chatman, T, 6-4/301, Sr.; Matt Hammond, T, 6-4/250, Fr. (RS); *Gary Hollingsworth, QB, 6-4/179, Sr.; *Trent Patterson, G, 5-11/271, Sr.; *Chris Robinette, G, 6-4/256, Sr.; *Lamonde Russell, TE, 6-1/213, Sr.; *Craig Sanderson, WR, 5-11/173, Jr.; *Roger Shultz, C, 6-2/260, Sr.; *Siran Stacy, RB, 5-11/195, Sr.; *Kevin Turner, FB, 6-1/214, Jr.; Prince Wimbley, FL, 5-9/170, Jr. **Defense:** Eric Curry, E, 6-6/220, Soph.; *Charles Gardner, S, 6-3/207, Jr.; *Spencer Hammond, OLB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Stacy Harrison, S, 6-1/189, Jr.; Byron Holdbrooks, NG, 6-5/269, Sr.; Derrick Oden, ILB, 6-1/216, Soph.; *Efrum Thomas, CB, 6-1/185, Sr.; John Sullins, ILB, 6-2/220, Jr.; George Teague, CB, 6-1/180, Soph.; *George Thornton, E, 6-3/293, Sr.; Steve Webb, OLB, 6-3/238, Jr.

Other key players: Scott Bolt, OT, Jr.; Philip Doyle, K, Sr.; Lemanski Hall, S, Fr. (RS); Rodney Helton, LB, Soph.; Robert Jones, TB, Jr.; Robert Stewart, NG, Jr.

Schedule: Southern Mississippi (at Birmingham, Ala.), Sept. 8; Florida, Sept. 15; at Georgia, Sept. 22; Vanderbilt, Sept. 29; at Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 6; at Tennessee, Oct. 20; Penn State, Oct. 27; at Mississippi State, Nov. 3; Louisiana State, Nov. 10; Cincinnati (at Birmingham), Nov. 17; Auburn (at Birmingham), Dec. 1.

Nickname: Crimson Tide.

Site: Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Lost in the emotional shuffle that accompanied the departure of Bill Curry and the entrance of Gene Stallings was the fact that Alabama returns 15 starters, including 10 on offense, from a team that went to the Sugar Bowl.

Stallings is naturally concerned about a defense that played erratically in 1989 and then lost three of its best players—consensus All-America linebacker Keith McCants, noseguard Willie Wyatt and cornerback John Mangum.

He spent much of his spring working



Quarterback Gary Hollingsworth shocked everybody last season, Alabama coaches included, by leading the SEC in passing yards.

with the defense, trying to find bodies to plug into the holes around end George Thornton, cornerback Efrum Thomas, safety Charles Gardner and linebackers Spencer Hammond and Steve Webb.

With a defense so young and inexperienced, Stallings must hope his offense can at least match the numbers it produced in 1989. The Tide finished first in the conference in total offense (434.4 yards per game) and scoring (30.2 points per game).

Much of the 1989 success can be traced to quarterback Gary Hollingsworth, who shocked everybody, Alabama coaches included, by leading the SEC in passing yards. Hollingsworth, who had never played a down of live football for Alabama, stepped in when starter Jeff Dunn was injured in the Tide's third game and proceeded to rewrite the school's record books, throwing for 2,379 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Joining Hollingsworth in the backfield will be Siran Stacy, who rushed for 1,079 yards, caught 36 passes for 371 yards and led the SEC with 18 touchdowns.

Hollingsworth will have excellent targets in wideout Craig Sanderson and talented tight end Lamonde Russell. The offensive line, featuring tackle Terrill Chatman and center Roger Shultz, returns four starters.

Alabama's offensive firepower will not be limited to throwing and running. Place-kicker Philip Doyle returns after connecting on 22 of 25 field-goal attempts in 1989.

MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Billy Brewer (38-37-3, 7 years; 95-76-overall, 16 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (beat Air Force in Liberty Bowl). SEC: 4-3/T4th.

Key losses: Tony Bennett, LB; Tim Brown, G; Pat Coleman, WR; John Darnell, QB; Rich Gebbia, TE; Willie Green, WR; Don Price, CB; Keith Thompson, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Tyrone Ashley, FL, 6-1/195, Jr.; *Randy Baldwin, RB, 6-0/210, Jr.; Bill Bush, G, 6-4/269, Jr.; Jeffrey Holder, SE, 5-8/165, Sr.; *Everett Lindsay, G, 6-5/275, Soph.; *Lee Lott, T, 6-6/285, Sr.; *Dawson Pruitt, C, 6-1/269, Sr.; Russ Shows, QB, 6-4/198, Soph.; *Adrian Strother, T, 6-4/295, Sr.; *Ed Thigpen, FB, 5-11/225, Sr.; Dan Westmoreland, TE, 6-3/230, Sr. **Defense:** Danny Boyd, CB, 6-1/182, Soph.; Jeff Carter, S, 5-11/185, Jr.; *Shawn Cobb, ILB, 6-0/225, Sr.; *Chauncey Godwin, CB, 6-0/175, Jr.; Roger Hancock, OLB, 6-3/215, Sr.; *Pete Harris, ILB, 6-0/225, Jr.; *Doug Jacobs, T, 6-8/280, Sr.; *Phillip Kent, OLB, 6-2/235, Jr.; Jim Lentz, NG, 6-3/264, Jr.; *Chris Mitchell, S, 6-0/195, Jr.; *Kelvin Pritchett, T, 6-3/266, Sr.

Other key players: Charles Childers, P, Sr.; Marvin Courtney, RB, Fr. (RS); Johnny Dixon, CB, Fr.; James Holcombe, OG, Fr.; Brian Lee, K, Soph.; Victor Lester, LB, Sr.; *Todd Sandroni, S, Sr.; Maurice Shaw, RB, Jr.; Jim Earl Thomas, RB, Sr.; Stacey Wilson, LB, Fr.

Schedule: Memphis State, Sept. 8; Auburn (at Jackson, Miss.), Sept. 15; Arkansas (at Little Rock, Ark.), Sept. 22; Tulane, Oct. 29; Kentucky, Oct. 6; at Georgia, Oct. 13; Arkansas State, Oct. 20; at Vanderbilt, Oct. 27; at Louisiana State, Nov. 3; Tennessee (at Memphis, Tenn.), Nov. 17; Mississippi State (at Jackson), Nov. 24.

Nickname: Rebels.

Site: Oxford, Miss.

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**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Chuck Webb
Tennessee RB**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Huey Richardson
Florida DE**OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Ed Blake
Auburn OG**DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Roovelroe Swan
Louisiana State LB**TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHEASTERN TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	ARTHUR MARSHALL, Georgia
WR	CARL PICKENS, Tennessee
TE	LAMONDE RUSSELL, Alabama
T	TERRILL CHATMAN, Alabama
T	ANTONE DAVIS, Tennessee
C	BLAKE MILLER, Louisiana State
G	ED BLAKE, Auburn
G	ED KING, Auburn
QB	GARY HOLLINGSWORTH, Alabama
RB	*RANDY BALDWIN, Mississippi
RB	SIRAN STACY, Alabama
RB	CHUCK WEBB, Tennessee

Ht./Wt.	Class
5-11/170	Jr.
6-2/201	Soph.
6-1/213	Sr.
6-4/301	Sr.
6-4/306	Sr.
6-2/267	Sr.
6-4/310	Jr.
6-4/284	Jr.
6-4/179	Sr.
6-0/210	Jr.
5-11/195	Sr.
5-10/197	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	WALTER TATE, Auburn
DL	FERNANDO HORN, Auburn
DL	KELVIN PRITCHETT, Mississippi
DL	HUEY RICHARDSON, Florida
DL	DAVID ROCKER, Auburn
ILB	DARREL CRAWFORD, Auburn
ILB	RANDY HOLLERAN, Kentucky
OLB	NORMAN COWINS, Georgia
OLB	MORRIS LEWIS, Georgia
CB	RICHARD FAIN, Florida
CB	EFRUM THOMAS, Alabama
S	GODFREY MYLES, Florida
S	TODD SANDRONI, Mississippi

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-2/306	Soph.
6-5/270	Sr.
6-3/266	Sr.
6-5/236	Sr.
6-4/264	Sr.
6-2/226	Jr.
6-1/238	Sr.
6-3/236	Jr.
6-4/227	Sr.
5-11/186	Sr.
6-1/185	Sr.
6-2/234	Sr.
6-1/200	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	PHILIP DOYLE, Alabama
P	CHARLES CHILDERS, Mississippi

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-2/190	Sr.
6-0/202	Sr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

It was nail-biting time last season for Ole Miss, which recorded eight victories, six coming by eight points or less and two in the final seconds.

"I just hope we haven't used up all of our green stamps," said Rebels Coach Billy Brewer, who begins his eighth season at the controls.

But with 14 returning starters and a lot of young talent from one of its best recruiting classes in 20 years, Ole Miss could be in the hunt for a championship with a couple of breaks.

The biggest concern will be replacing quarterback John Darnell and the Rebels' top two receivers—Willie Green and Pat Coleman. But Brewer is confident he has the answers.

Russ Shows, a 6-foot-4, 198-pound sophomore, has the physical potential to be an outstanding quarterback, and the inevitable comparisons to former Mississippi great Archie Manning have already begun. And there will be help at receiver, thanks to a good crop of junior college transfers.

There should be no problem identifying Mississippi's ballcarriers. In Randy Baldwin, Brewer thinks he has the league's next great running back. Baldwin will be joined in the backfield by fullback Ed Thigpen.

With the return of four starters to the offensive line, Baldwin and Thigpen could produce big numbers.

It will be the job of a potentially strong defense to hold the fort until the offense has a chance to grow.

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	*COREY HARRIS, Vanderbilt
WR	TODD KINCHEN, Louisiana State
WR	ALVIN HARPER, Tennessee
TE	KIRK KIRKPATRICK, Florida
T	GLENN NEELY, Florida
T	ROB SELBY, Auburn
C	BOB MEEKS, Auburn
G	RICKY BYRD, Mississippi State
G	JOEL MAZZELLA, Kentucky
QB	ANDY KELLY, Tennessee
RB	STACY DANLEY, Auburn
RB	HARVEY WILLIAMS, Louisiana State

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-1/189	Jr.
6-0/192	Jr.
6-3/204	Sr.
6-2/223	Sr.
6-4/275	Sr.
6-5/279	Sr.
6-2/279	Jr.
6-2/270	Sr.
6-1/275	Sr.
6-3/205	Jr.
6-3/216	Sr.
6-3/208	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	DEMETRIUS HILL, Mississippi State
DL	MARC BOUTTE, Louisiana State
DL	GEORGE BREWER, Georgia
DL	MARK MOORE, Tennessee
DL	GEORGE THORNTON, Alabama
ILB	SHAWN COBB, Mississippi
ILB	REGGIE STEWART, Mississippi State
OLB	DARRYL HARDY, Tennessee
OLB	ROOVELROE SWAN, Louisiana State
CB	CHRIS TOLBERT, Kentucky
CB	PRESTON WARREN, Tennessee
S	CHRIS MITCHELL, Mississippi
S	JOHN WILEY, Auburn

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-2/264	Sr.
6-4/260	Jr.
6-5/265	Soph.
6-4/254	Sr.
6-3/293	Sr.
6-0/225	Sr.
6-2/235	Sr.
6-3/215	Jr.
6-3/210	Fr.
5-11/182	Sr.
6-0/194	Sr.
6-0/195	Jr.
6-0/186	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	JOHN KASAY, Georgia
P	MIKE RILEY, Mississippi State

Ht./Wt.	Class
5-10/165	Sr.
6-1/195	Jr.

GEORGIA

Coach: Ray Goff (6-6, 1 year).

1989 record: 6-6 (lost to Syracuse in Peach Bowl), SEC: 4-3/T4th.

Key losses: Hiawatha Berry, DT; Will Colley, OT; Demetrius Douglas, LB; Bill Goldberg, DT; Rodney Hampton, TB; Curt Mull, OT; Ben Smith, S; Kirk Warner, TE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Chris Broom, TE, 6-5/245, Sr.; *Brian Cleveland, TB, 5-10/188, Sr. (switched from FB); *Russell DeFoos, G, 6-4/265, Jr.; Alphonso Ellis, FB, 5-9/205, Sr.; Sean Hummings, SE, 6-1/185, Sr.; Arthur Marshall, FL, 5-11/170, Jr.; Bill Rosenberg, T, 6-3/260, Soph.; *Jack Swan, C, 6-4/250, Soph.; Greg Talley, QB, 6-1/185, Jr.; LeMonte Tellis, T, 6-4/275, Jr. (RS); William Wynn, G, 6-2/245, Jr.

Defense: John Allen, ILB, 6-2/230, Jr.; George Brewer, T, 6-5/265, Soph.; *Norman Cowins, OLB, 6-3/236, Jr.; *Curt Douglas, NG, 6-1/230, Jr. (switched from LB); Torrey Evans, ILB, 6-2/230, Soph.; *David Hargett, S, 6-1/188, Sr.; Al Jackson, S, 6-0/180, Soph.; Willie Jennings, T, 6-5/255, Soph.; *Morris Lewis, OLB, 6-4/227, Sr.; *Chris Wilson, CB, 5-8/175, Soph.; *George Wynn, CB, 5-8/170, Jr.

Other key players: Casey Barnum, T, Soph.; Robert Bell, NG, Jr.; Mike Fellows, OT, Soph.; Garrison Hearst, RB, Fr.; Mike Jones, S, Soph.; Preston Jones, QB, Soph.; John Kasay, K, Sr.; Steve Roberts,

OL, Fr.; *Haze Sadler, OT, Jr.; Mike Steele, DT, Soph.; Mack Strong, FB, Soph.; Tashe Williams, DT, Fr.

Schedule: At Louisiana State, Sept. 8; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 15; Alabama, Sept. 22; East Carolina, Sept. 29; at Clemson, Oct. 6; Mississippi, Oct. 13; Vanderbilt, Oct. 20; at Kentucky, Oct. 27; at Florida, Nov. 10; at Auburn, Nov. 18; Georgia Tech, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Bulldogs.

Site: Athens, Ga.

The Bulldogs' 1989 Peach Bowl loss to Syracuse on a last-minute field goal was indicative of Georgia's first season in the post-Vince Dooley coaching era. Coach Ray Goff fielded a young team that turned several potential victories into defeats with poor execution and late mistakes.

A decade that Georgia began with a national championship ended with a 6-6 record, marking the Bulldogs' first non-winning campaign since 1977 and only its third since 1970.

"I can't tell you how frustrating it was," Goff said. "We were young and we still are. But if people will just be patient with us, I think we'll get there."

Despite the down season, the mood in Athens is upbeat. That's because 14 starters return and young players who were thrown into the SEC wars last season have grown up a little. There also is excitement over a recruiting class that ranked among the nation's best. Several freshmen could have immediate impacts.

Perhaps at tailback, where Goff will be looking to replace Rodney Hampton, the school's No. 3 all-time leading rusher who

opted to pass up his final year of eligibility and enter the NFL draft. Seniors Larry Ware and Brian Cleveland, a starter last year at fullback, are the early hopefuls, but freshman Garrison Hearst could be the Bulldogs' tailback of the future.

Greg Talley returns as the starting quarterback, but he could be pushed by sophomore Preston Jones, whose development last season was slowed by a nagging wrist injury. Jones had surgery in the offseason and is ready.

The starter will enjoy the luxury of a top-rate target in flanker Arthur Marshall and he will operate behind an offensive line that returns three starters.

The strength of Georgia's defense will be outside linebackers Morris Lewis and Norman Cowins. Lewis recorded 10 sacks in 1989, while Cowins chipped in with seven. Clearing the way for that duo will be beefy tackles George Brewer and Mike Steele and noseguard Curt Douglas, a converted linebacker.

Three of four starters return in the secondary, but free safety Ben Smith, a first-round NFL draft pick, will be missed.

Goff will enjoy watching field-goal man John Kasay, one of the top place-kickers in the conference.

LOUISIANA STATE

Coach: Mike Archer (22-12-1, 3 years).
1989 record: 4-7. SEC: 2-5/T7th.

Key losses: Verge Auseberry, LB; Karl Dunbar, DT; Jay Egloff, FB; Eddie Fuller, TB; Ronnie Haliburton, TE; Tom Hodson, QB; Jim Hubic, OT; Clint James, DT; Oliver Lawrence, LB; Alvin Lee, SE; Tony Moss, FL; Ruffin Rodrigue, OG; Nigel Ventress, LB; Jimmy Young, CB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Sol Graves, QB, 6-5/194, Sr.; *Roger Hutchinson, T, 6-7/296, Jr.; Wesley Jacob, FL, 6-5/185, Soph.; Todd Kinchen, SE, 6-0/192, Jr.; Darron Landry, G, 6-3/260, Soph.; *Blake Miller, C, 6-2/267, Sr.; Sammy Seamster, FB, 5-10/210, Soph.; Raymond Smoot, T, 6-4/275, Soph.; *Chris Truax, G, 6-3/292, Jr.; Harvey Williams, TB, 6-3/208, Sr.; Willie Williams, TE, 6-6/249, Sr. **Defense:** Raef Adams, CB, 6-0/164, Soph.; *Marc Boutte, T, 6-4/260, Jr.; Leonard Harris, T, 6-6/279, Soph.; Mike Hewitt, OLB, 6-3/210, Fr. (RS); Vince Fuller, S, 5-10/178, Soph.; Anthony Marshall, S, 6-2/180, Fr.; Clayton Mouton, NG, 6-2/264, Soph.; Roovelro Swan, OLB, 6-3/210, Fr. (RS); *David Walkup, ILB, 6-1/222, Soph.; Anthony Williams, ILB, 6-2/231, Soph.; *Wayne Williams, CB, 5-8/173, Jr.

Other key players: *Robby Green, S, Soph.; Leonard Harris, DT, Soph.; Chris Moock, QB, Jr.; *Corey Raymond, S, Jr.; Brad Strohm, QB, Fr. (RS). **Schedule:** Georgia, Sept. 8; Miami of Ohio, Sept. 15; at Vanderbilt, Sept. 22; Texas A&M, Sept. 29; at Florida, Oct. 6; Kentucky, Oct. 20; at Florida State, Oct. 27; Mississippi, Nov. 3; at Alabama, Nov. 10; at Mississippi State, Nov. 17; Tulane, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Tigers.
Site: Baton Rouge, La.

There are not many natives who can get more restless than those in Baton Rouge. And in 1989, the denizens of Tiger Stadium were nearly beside themselves.

Mike Archer's third year as the LSU coach was hardly a charm. After watching his Tigers post 10-1-1 and 8-4 records the previous two years, Archer held his breath through a dismal 4-7 campaign that included four losses by six points or less.

A quick look at the numbers doesn't

leave room for optimism. Eight starters are gone on offense, including quarterback Tom Hodson, and six are gone on defense, including tackle Karl Dunbar.

LSU's hopes for a winning season well could rest on the strong legs of Harvey Williams, a 1,001-yard rusher as a sophomore in 1987. Williams sat out the 1988 campaign after undergoing reconstructive surgery on his knee and then returned last year to rush for 206 yards in another injury-marred season.

Three of five starters, including center Blake Miller, return on the offensive line, so Williams could have room to run. That's also good news for the new quarterback, who will be selected from a large group of hopefuls. Senior Sol Graves had the inside track after spring drills with junior Chris Moock close behind.

The winner of that derby should benefit from the presence of wide receiver Todd Kinchen.

Tackle Marc Boutte, linebacker David Walkup and cornerback Wayne Williams are LSU's returning defensive leaders, but Tiger fans will watch closely for the long-awaited debut of redshirt freshman Roovelro Swan. The 6-3, 210-pounder, expected to develop into an outstanding outside linebacker, would have played last year if not for a hip pointer.

FLORIDA

Coach: Steve Spurrier (first year at Florida; 20-13-1 overall, 3 years).

1989 record: 7-5 (lost to Washington in Freedom Bowl). SEC: 4-3/T4th.



Safety Godfrey Myles returns to a Florida defense that ranked third in the nation last season.

Key losses: John Durden, OT; Pat Moorer, LB; Stacey Simmons, WR; Cedric Smith, FB; Emmitt Smith, RB; Kerry Watkins, CB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Terrence Barber, WR, 5-9/182, Sr.; *Chris Bromley, G, 6-4/257, Sr.; *Cal Dixon, C, 6-4/263, Jr.; Hesham Ismail, G, 6-3/259, Jr.; *Kirk Kirkpatrick, TE, 6-2/223, Sr.; Willie McClendon, TB, 6-1/223, Jr.; Dexter McNabb, FB, 6-1/236, Jr.; *Ernie Mills, WR, 5-11/176, Sr.; *Kyle Morris, QB, 6-3/207, Jr.; *Glenn Neely, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; *Mark White, T, 6-5/276, Jr. **Defense:** *Ephesians Bartley, OLB, 6-3/211, Jr.; Mike Brandon, T, 6-4/261, Jr.; Brad Culpepper, T, 6-2/250, Jr.; *Richard Fain, CB, 5-11/186, Sr.; *Mark Murray, E, 6-3/242, Sr.; *Godfrey Myles, S, 6-2/234, Sr.; *Jerry Odom, ILB, 5-10/211, Sr.; Tim Pault, OLB, 6-1/221, Jr.; *Huey Richardson, E, 6-5/236, Sr.; Jimmy Spencer, CB, 5-10/184, Sr.; *Will White, S, 6-1/204, Soph.

Other key players: Donald Douglas, QB, Soph.; Tre Everett, WR, Soph.; Brian Fox, QB, Soph. (transfer/Purdue); Phillip Johnson, DT, Soph.; Greg Keller, TE, Soph.; Carlton Miles, LB, Soph.; Errict Rhett, RB, Fr. (RS); Harvey Thomas, DE, Jr.

Schedule: Oklahoma State, Sept. 8; at Alabama, Sept. 15; Furman, Sept. 22; Mississippi State, Sept. 29; Louisiana State, Oct. 6; at Tennessee, Oct. 13; Akron, Oct. 20; Auburn, Nov. 3; Georgia (at Jacksonville, Fla.), Nov. 10; at Kentucky, Nov. 17; at Florida State, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Gators.
Site: Gainesville, Fla.

How excited are Florida fans to have Spurrier back home? So excited that more than 27,000 of them turned out for the spring game to catch a glimpse of his passing magic.

Spurrier has a history of developing quality quarterbacks, and the Gators are sorely in need of production from that position.

Kyle Morris and Donald Douglas shared the signal-calling duties in Florida's 7-5 1989 campaign, but neither was overly impressive. That duo will be challenged by Brian Fox, a transfer from Purdue who sat out last year.

Spurrier must find a suitable quarterback if for no other reason than to take advantage of his team's quality receivers.

"The receivers as a group could be outstanding," Spurrier said. "Ernie Mills is a fine player. He's smooth, he catches the ball well and he has great speed."

Mills caught 19 passes for 404 yards, but the Gators had trouble getting him the ball. Spurrier also is impressed with Kirk Kirkpatrick, whom he calls "as good a receiver as I've coached."

With the loss of 1,599-yard rusher Emmitt Smith, Willie McClendon and redshirt freshman Errict Rhett will move into the spotlight. They will operate behind a line that returns four starters, including top-notch tackle Glenn Neely.

Defensively, the Gators will benefit from the return of outstanding end Huey Richardson, cornerback Richard Fain and safety Godfrey Myles. Five other starters also return to a defense that ranked third in Division I-A last season.

"Team speed is the biggest asset we have on defense," Spurrier said. "We don't have great size, so teams that run straight at you might give us trouble, but we have players who can fly around the field and get to the football."

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MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach: Rocky Felker (16-28, 4 years).
1989 record: 5-6. SEC: 1-6/9th.

Key losses: Jesse Anderson, TE; Bobby Barlow, DE; Derrick Dean, OT; Bill Knight, DE; John Moore, WR; Rocky Nabors, S; Derrell Robertson, LB; Bo Russell, S; Milton Smith, CB; James Williams, LB.
Projected starting lineup: Offense: Jerry Bouldin, FL, 5-11/192, Sr.; *Ricky Byrd, G, 6-2/270, Sr.; Trenell Edwards, TE, 6-3/234, Jr.; Chris Firle, WR, 6-2/186, Jr.; Tay Galloway, HB, 5-9/188, Soph.; *John James, G, 6-3/281, Soph.; *Byron Jordan, C, 6-2/260, Soph.; Todd Jordan, QB, 6-3/219, Soph.; *Tony Robertson, T, 6-2/282, Sr.; Kenny Stewart, T, 6-4/288, Jr.; Jerrod Young, FB, 5-10/207, Jr. **Defense:** Desmond Bates, E, 6-2/262, Sr.; Daniel Boyd, OLB, 6-1/225, Soph.; *Demetrius Hill, NT, 6-2/264, Sr.; Keith Joseph, ILB, 6-4/225, Soph.; Kelvin Knight, S, 6-1/192, Fr.; *Eddie Myles, CB, 5-10/176, Sr.; *Reggie Stewart, ILB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Albert Williams, S, 6-2/227, Sr.; Edward Williams, CB, 5-10/185, Jr.; *Marc Woodard, OLB, 6-1/216, Soph.; Robert Young, E, 6-7/270, Sr.

Other key players: *Treddis Anderson, TE, Jr. (switched from FB); Joel Logan, K, Sr.; *John Parker, WR, Sr.; *William Prince, TB, Jr.; Mike Riley, P, Jr.; Kenny Roberts, RB, Soph.; Rodney Stowers, DT, Soph.

Schedule: Tennessee, Sept. 8; Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 15; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 22; at Florida, Sept. 29; at Kentucky, Oct. 13; at Tulane, Oct. 20; Auburn, Oct. 27; Alabama, Nov. 3; at Memphis

State, Nov. 10; Louisiana State (at Jackson, Miss.), Nov. 17; Mississippi (at Jackson), Nov. 24.

Nickname: Bulldogs.
Site: Starkville, Miss.

Progress in Starkville can only be measured in inches.

It appeared the Mississippi State program, under fourth-year Coach Rockey Felker, was ready to take a quantum leap forward last season. The Bulldogs opened the 1989 campaign with wins over Vanderbilt and Southern Mississippi and stood 4-2 after six weeks with visions of bowl bids dancing in their heads.

But the old painful quiniela, injuries and a lack of quality depth, struck in the final half of the season as the SEC road wars at Alabama, Auburn and LSU took their toll. A 1-4 finish translated into an overall 5-6 ledger.

The Bulldogs did most of their offensive damage on the ground last season, a pattern that's not likely to change. Tailbacks William Prince and Kenny Roberts, who combined to run for 946 yards, both return, as do quarterbacks Tony Shell and Todd Jordan. With Shell and Jordan combining for just 86 completions, the Bulldogs finished last in the SEC in passing.

With an offensive line that features talented guard Ricky Byrd and tackle Tony Robertson, look for the Bulldogs to stay on the ground.

Felker faces some real problems on defense. Only four starters return from a unit that ranked fourth in the league. He must hope that linebacker Reggie Stewart and noseguard Demetrios Hill can keep things in check until their young teammates have a chance to grow.

KENTUCKY

Coach: Bill Curry (first year at Kentucky; 57-53-4 overall, 10 years).

1989 record: 6-5. SEC: 2-5/T7th.

Key losses: Oliver Barnett, DT; Craig Benzinger, LB; Albert Burks, CB; David Crane, C; Donnie Gardner, DT; Tony Massey, LB; Andy Murray, FB; Mike Pfeifer, OT; Alfred Rawls, TB; Ron Robinson, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Al Baker, FB, 5-11/227, Sr.; *John Bolden, FL, 6-0/175, Sr.; Matt Branum, C, 6-2/261, Soph.; *Rodney Jackson, TE, 6-2/252, Sr.; *Greg Lahr, T, 6-5/281, Jr.; Phil Logan, SE, 6-2/196, Sr.; *Freddie Maggard, QB, 6-2/219, Jr.; *Joel Mazzella, G, 6-1/275, Sr.; Mike Nord, T, 6-7/290, Sr.; *Todd Perry, G, 6-4/272, Soph.; Mike Thomas, TB, 5-11/214, Jr. **Defense:** Brad Armstead, S, 6-0/179, Soph.; *Jerry Bell, T, 6-3/291, Jr.; *Jeff Brady, S, 6-1/228, Sr.; *Joey Couch, NG, 6-1/255, Jr.; *Randy Holleran, ILB, 6-1/238, Sr.; Salim Shahid, S, 6-3/187, Fr. (RS); *Billy Swanson, OLB, 6-0/231, Sr.; Derrick Thomas, E, 6-2/227, Jr.; *Chris Tolbert, CB, 5-11/182, Sr.; Sterling Ward, CB, 5-11/174, Soph.; Dean Wells, OLB, 6-3/235, Soph.

Other key players: Bill Hawk, P, Jr.; Kurt Johnson, FL, Soph.; Marty Moore, LB, Fr. (RS); Doug Pelfrey, K, Soph.; *Steve Phillips, SE, Sr.; Terry Samuels, FB, Fr. (RS); Craig Walker, TB, Soph. (RS).

Schedule: Central Michigan, Sept. 1; at Rutgers, Sept. 8; Indiana, Sept. 15; at North Carolina, Sept. 22; at Mississippi, Oct. 6; Mississippi State, Oct. 13; at Louisiana State, Oct. 20; Georgia, Oct. 27; Vanderbilt, Nov. 10; Florida, Nov. 17; at Tennessee, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Wildcats.
Site: Lexington, Ky.

Bill Curry, the eternal optimist, believes his first Kentucky team can be more than just a little competitive.

"We feel good and we know if we work hard we have a chance," said Curry, who left Alabama to replace Jerry Claiborne. "I've got to feel like we have a chance each and every time out."

All eyes will be watching to see how quarterback Freddie Maggard progresses under new offensive coordinator Tommy Bowden. Maggard, who threw for only 1,515 yards last season with 12 interceptions, will be operating Bowden's new "pro-multiple" offense. Bowden, the son of Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden, will try to take advantage of the fact that the Wildcats return four of their top six receivers, including flankers John Bolden and Phil Logan.

Maggard better be able to throw because the Wildcats will be lacking in quality ballcarriers. But the offensive line returns three starters and Curry will have quality talent to move into the open spots.

Linebacker Randy Holleran and cornerback Chris Tolbert return to anchor a defense that should be respectable. Kentucky will be hard pressed to replace tackle Oliver Barnett, but tackle Jerry Bell and noseguard Joey Couch are tough to block.



Rodney Helton

of the 1989 season after Vantreise Davis, Alabama's other starter at inside linebacker, was injured. Sullins ended the year with 34 tackles. "He's got a mean streak in him and he's getting better," Van Zandt said.

Davis also is gone, so Sullins probably will remain at his old position. But if he continues to improve, he might fill McCants' spot.

"The bottom line is that we've got two inside linebacker positions and three guys we want to play them," Van Zandt said. "... We're going to be young back there, but I think we'll be good."

—TONY BARNHART

The Depth Chart

McCants' likely fill-ins are young but capable

In Tuscaloosa, Ala., they speak of Keith McCants in hushed, almost reverent tones. So it follows that talk of replacing the consensus All-America is considered just short of heresy.

The Crimson Tide won't be able to match the size and speed of the No. 4 pick in the National Football League draft, but Alabama inside linebackers coach Lance Van Zandt says he has three candidates who should enable the Crimson Tide to live with the happy memories of McCants.

Sophomore Rodney Helton was McCants' backup last season. As such, he spent most of his time on the bench.

"I started one game (Mississippi State) when he was hurt, but other than that, he never came out for more than one or two series," Helton said. "I was there to give Keith a rest, and he didn't rest often. He was simply a great player."

Helton is a solid athlete with lots of savvy. "His biggest asset is he can diagnose plays and react quickly," Van Zandt said. "He's real smart."

Helton is being pushed, however, by two exceptional athletes in sophomore Derrick Oden and junior John Sullins. Oden's freshman season was limited primarily to special-teams play.

"Derrick is a really good athlete," Van Zandt said. "He has really good explosiveness and in the spring was playing better than the other two."

Sullins started the last three games

VANDERBILT

Coach: Watson Brown (9-35, 4 years; 31-67-1 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 1-10. SEC: 0-7/10th.

Key losses: Doug Bradley, DT; Johnny Clark, K; Kevin Dowling, OT; Nabil El Sheshai, TE; John Gromos, QB; Steve Law, CB; Andy McCarroll, LB; Cedric Moore, DT; Charles Pierson, OG; Renford Reese, CB; Greg Smith, OT; DeMond Winston, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Pat Akos, TE, 6-6/239, Soph. (switched from DE); Jim Arnouts, G, 6-1/271, Sr.; *Kevin Brothen, C, 6-3/278, Jr.; *Anthony Carter, WB, 6-0/205, Jr. (switched from TB); *Bobby Craycraft, T, 6-4/278, Jr.; Grant Glewe, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; Lloyd Griffin, G, 6-4/267, Fr.; *Corey Harris, TB, 6-1/189, Jr. (switched from WB); Mike Healey, QB, 6-1/187, Soph.; *Clarence Sevillian, SE, 6-1/182, Soph.; Carlos Thomas, FB, 5-10/209, Soph. **Defense:** Gerald Collins, OLB, 6-3/227, Fr. (RS); John DeWitt, E, 6-5/225, Fr.; Chris Donnelly, S, 6-1/179, Soph.; Mike Gandolfo, MLB, 6-0/235, Soph.; Rod Keith, OLB, 6-1/222, Jr. (switched from LB); *Steve Medes, S, 6-2/198, Jr.; Kenny Pulce, T, 6-2/254, Sr.; *Derrick Sartor, T, 6-2/253, Sr.; Scott Walker, CB, 6-1/193, Jr.; Alan Young, E, 6-4/229, Soph.; Robbie Young, CB, 6-0/188, Soph. **Other key players:** *Scott Brown, LB, Sr.; Anthony Carter, TB, Jr.; *Derrick Grogg, SE, Jr.; Andy Iacenda, FB, Jr. (RS); Mark Johnson, WB, Sr. (RS); David Lawrence, P, Soph.

Schedule: At Southern Methodist, Sept. 8; Louisiana State, Sept. 22; at Alabama, Sept. 29; Syracuse, Oct. 6; at Auburn, Oct. 13; at Georgia, Oct. 20; Mississippi, Oct. 27; at Kentucky, Nov. 10; Army, Nov. 17; Wake Forest, Nov. 24; Tennessee, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Commodores.

Site: Nashville, Tenn.

To say that Watson Brown decided to start all over after last season's 1-10 disaster is an understatement. Vanderbilt just won't be the same in 1990, at least not in style.

Steve Sloan, the new offensive coordinator, will install a triple-option offense that he hopes will allow the Commodores to compete in the SEC with lesser-quality athletes.

Doug Mathews, the new defensive coordinator, also will make changes in a defense that allowed 367.5 yards per game last season.

The first order of business was to find a quarterback who could both run and throw. Last year's starter, John Gromos, is gone and sophomore Mike Healey emerged in the spring as a likely replacement.

The team's second-best 1989 pass catcher, Corey Harris, has moved to the tailback position and joins fullback Carlos Thomas for ballcarrying duty. They will operate behind a line that returns only two starters, although tackle Bobby Craycraft and center Kevin Brothen are top-notch.

Brown has moved Anthony Carter from tailback to wingback and defensive end Pat Akos to tight end to bolster his receiving corps.

Mathews will have only five returning starters at his disposal. The best of that group is safety Chris Donnelly, the league's top freshman performer in 1989. He will be joined in the secondary by safety Steve Medes, and Derrick Sartor returns to anchor the front wall. End Rod Keith will be asked to move to linebacker. ■

SCOUTING THE SOUTHEASTERN

Program of the '90s: Alabama. Gene Stallings' initial Crimson Tide team may encounter some difficulties, but Alabama is about to become a New Year's Day regular again. A number of factors bode well for the Crimson Tide. Stallings has constructed a superb staff that knows how to both juggle X's and O's and motivate players. The school's administration and alumni have pledged their collective support and assistance—something Bill Curry never had—and that translates into success on the recruiting trail. Despite getting a late start, Stallings and his aides made enough contacts throughout the country to pave the way for future recruiting efforts. It won't be long before the Crimson Tide and Auburn—the two best programs in one state west of Florida and east of California—are vying for national honors annually.

Impact newcomers: Zane Beehn, LB, Kentucky, Fr.; Eddie Blake, OG, Auburn, Jr. (JC); Karekin Cunningham, LB, Auburn, Soph. (transfer/North Carolina); Brian Fox, QB, Florida, Soph. (transfer/Purdue); William Gaines, DT, Florida, Fr. (RS); Frank Harvey, RB, Georgia, Fr.; Andre Hastings, WR, Georgia, Fr.; Garrison Hearst, RB, Georgia, Fr.; Darrick Owens, WR, Mississippi, Jr. (JC); Errick Rhett, RB, Florida, Fr. (RS); Rooveloe Swan, LB, Louisiana State, Fr. (RS).

Best bets: The SEC again will be the country's best circuit. The Alabama-Auburn contest will have national championship implications for the second year in a row. Curry will win half the

number of games at Kentucky this fall as he did at Alabama last season. Auburn's 1990 offensive line will be the best the SEC has seen in the last decade.

Awesome foursome: There may be no better collection of past and present SEC quarterbacking talent than exists at Florida. The head coach is Steve Spurrier, who won a Heisman Trophy and quarterbacked in the National Football League. His assistant with quarterbacks is John Reaves, another former NFL signal-caller. Their pupils are Kyle Morris and Fox, both of whom are definite pro prospects. Needless to say, the Gators will be passing more than they have since the days when Spurrier and Reaves were playing.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Chuck Webb, Tennessee, 123.6 yds.pg (209 att., 1,236 yds., 12 TDs, 5.9 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 132.2 rating pts. (156 att., 92 comp., 7 TDs, 1,299 yds.).

Total offense: Gary Hollingsworth, Alabama, 211.4 yds.pg (-54 yds. rushing, 2,379 yds. passing, 2,325 total yds.).

Receiving: Lamonde Russell, Alabama, 4.6 rec.pg (51 rec., 622 yds., 5 TDs, 12.2 avg.).

Scoring: Siran Stacy, Alabama, 9.8 pts.pg (18 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 108 pts.).

Punting: Mike Riley, Mississippi State, 41 avg. (75 punts, 3,078 yds.).

Punt returns: Chris Tolbert, Kentucky, 13.3 avg. (16 att., 212 yds., 1 TD).

Kickoff returns: Arthur Marshall, Georgia, 27.8 avg. (16 att., 445 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Philip Doyle, Alabama, 2 FG.pg (22/25 FGs, 88%).

Interceptions: Chauncey Godwin, Mississippi, .55 int.pg (6 int., 91 yds., 1 TD).

—JOHN HADLEY



Florida's Steve Spurrier

The Envelope, Please

Best offensive line:

Auburn

Best offensive backfield:

Alabama

Best backup quarterback:

Brian Fox, Florida

Best wide receivers:

Tennessee

Best backfield receiver:

Corey Harris, Vanderbilt

Best defensive line:

Auburn

Best-hitting DL:

Huey Richardson, Florida

Best linebackers:

Georgia

Best-hitting LB:

Morris Lewis, Georgia

Best defensive backfield:

Florida

Best-hitting DB:

Godfrey Myles, Florida

Best kicking game:

Georgia

Best specialty units:

Georgia

Best special-teams player:

Dawayne Grace, Georgia

Best special-teams hitter:

Houston Thomas, Tennessee

Best coaching staff:

Auburn

Best coach:

Steve Spurrier, Florida

Best offensive assistant:

Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee

Best defensive assistant:

Wayne Hall, Auburn

Best Heisman candidate:

Carl Pickens, WR/S, Tennessee

Success helps beleaguered SWC clean up image

By KIRK BOHLS
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The Southwest Conference made big strides in 1989, going from NCAA Division I-A's most disgraceful league to one of its most successful.

The SWC, which had as many as six of its nine members placed on NCAA probation during the 1980s, not only began cleaning up its image, but also cleaned up on opponents and started a new decade with four teams—Arkansas, Houston, Texas Tech and Texas A&M—coming off eight-plus-victory seasons and final Top 20 rankings.

The SWC compiled an 18-11-1 record against non-conference opposition last season—its best mark since 1985—and three teams played in bowls, a number that would have climbed to four if not for Houston's continuing NCAA probation.

The Cougars' record-setting quarterback, Andre Ware, capped his conference's resurgence by walking away with the 1989 Heisman Trophy.

Simply put, the 1989 season was a welcome respite for conference coaches and officials after a long period of turmoil. And, on paper at least, 1990 figures to provide more of the same with as many as six teams battling it out for Arkansas' conference crown.

Texas A&M returns one of the nation's finest offensive backfields and appears best equipped to wrest that title from Arkansas and new Coach Jack Crowe. But Texas, Houston, Baylor and Texas Tech also should provide strong challenges.

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. TEXAS A&M

The Aggies have the talent to make the 1991 Cotton Bowl a national championship contest.

2. ARKANSAS

Despite the coaching overhaul and key player losses, the Razorbacks remain contenders.

3. TEXAS

The Longhorns, rising slowly but steadily, are as balanced as they've been in years.

4. HOUSTON

The Cougars have everything it takes to build a perennial Top 20 program.

5. BAYLOR

The Bears' defense ranks with the best. An improved offense would put them in contention.

6. TEXAS TECH

Another bowl bid is possible for the Red Raiders and underrated Coach Spike Dykes.

7. TEXAS CHRISTIAN

This program continues to linger in mediocrity. The Wacker regime is beginning to stagnate.

8. RICE

It may not be saying much, but the 1990 Owls should be Rice's finest team in ages.

9. SOUTHERN METHODIST

"Winning" is still the operative word at SMU—but no longer at any cost.



Texas A&M's racehorse linebackers include William Thomas.

TEXAS A&M

Coach: R.C. Slocum (8-4, 1 year).

1989 record: 8-4 (lost to Pittsburgh in John Hancock Bowl). SWC: 6-2/T2nd.

Key losses: Gary Jones, S; Mike Jones, TE; Terry Price, DE; Jerry Robinson, LB; Percy Waddle, WR; Aaron Wallace, LB; Mickey Washington, CB; Richmond Webb, OT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Keith Alex, G, 6-6/305, Jr.; *Mike Arthur, C, 6-5/266, Sr.; *Darren Lewis, HB, 6-0/220, Sr.; *Matt McCall, T, 6-8/314, Sr.; Gary Oliver, SE, 6-3/182, Sr.; *Mike Pappas, G, 6-3/267, Sr.; *Cornelius Patterson, WR, 5-8/159, Sr.; *Lance Pavlas, QB, 6-2/190, Sr.; Jason Rockhold, T, 6-8/300, Sr.; Derek Ware, TE, 6-4/245, Jr.; *Robert Wilson, FB, 6-1/245, Jr.

Defense: Quentin Coryatt, LB, 6-4/238, Jr.; Chris Crooms, S, 6-3/189, Jr.; Derrick Frazier, CB, 6-0/173, Soph.; *Pat Henry, NG, 6-1/269, Soph.;

*Larry Horton, S, 6-0/186, Sr.; Albert Jones, E, 6-4/257, Sr.; *Kevin Smith, CB, 6-0/175, Jr.; *William Thomas, OLB, 6-3/205, Sr.; *Kevin Tucker, E, 6-4/254, Soph.; James Webb, OLB, 6-4/221, Jr.; *Anthony Williams, ILB, 6-2/228, Jr.

Other key players: Doug Carter, FB, Jr.; Shane Garrett, FL, Sr.; Marlin Haynes, CB, Jr. (JC); Shane Krahil, TE, Sr.; Trent Lewis, LB, Soph.; Tyrone Malone, LB, Soph. (transfer/Houston); Keith McAfee, HB, Jr.; John Miller, NG, Sr.; Otis Nealy, LB, Soph.; Bucky Richardson, QB, Jr.; Layne Talbot, K, Sr.; Sean Wilson, P, Sr.

Schedule: At Hawaii, Sept. 1; Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 15; North Texas, Sept. 22; at Louisiana State, Sept. 29; Texas Tech, Oct. 6; at Houston, Oct. 13; Baylor, Oct. 20; Rice, Oct. 27; at Southern Methodist, Nov. 3; at Arkansas, Nov. 17; Texas Christian, Nov. 24; at Texas, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Aggies.

Site: College Station, Tex.

When R.C. Slocum surveys the talent on his second Texas A&M team, he can count as many as eight outstanding players capable of playing beyond college.

Unfortunately, all eight are concentrat-

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

ed at running back and linebacker, with not enough positions to go around.

"We've got quality running backs and linebackers," said Slocum, who took his first Aggie team to an 8-4 record, which included a tough 31-28 loss to Pittsburgh in the John Hancock Bowl. "We have a lot of team speed on defense."

In taiback Darren Lewis, who rushed for 961 yards and 11 touchdowns last season despite missing the Aggies' final regular-season game, and fullback Robert Wilson, Texas A&M may have the best 1-2 backfield punch in the country. Making life more comfortable for Slocum are backups Keith McAfee and Doug Carter, good enough to star for most other teams.

"Darren came in overweight last year," Slocum said of his 6-foot, 220-pound Heisman candidate. "If he stays in shape, he can be one of the nation's top running backs."

Lewis will form the backbone of Texas A&M's offense, but quarterback Lance Pavlas showed excellent progress in his first year as a starter and should continue to improve during his senior campaign. If anything happens to Pavlas, who completed 59 percent of his passes and threw for 10 touchdowns last year, look for junior Bucky Richardson to take over. Richardson, a starter in 1988, sat out the 1989 season with a knee injury.

One major concern will be the receiving corps. Leading pass-catchers Percy Waddle and Mike Jones are gone, leaving a gaping hole at both the wideout and tight end positions. Wide man Cornelius Patterson (13 catches for 166 yards) is the only experienced returnee.

Experience is not a problem on the offensive line, where four of the five interior blockers return. The loss of tackle Richmond Webb does leave a major void, but center Mike Arthur, tackle Matt McCall and guards Keith Alex and Mike Pappas all return to ease the pain.

Defensive coordinator Bob Davie's enviable dilemma will be selecting a starting linebacking unit. Senior William Thomas, who moved from strong safety to linebacker a year ago and overshadowed all-time Aggie sack leader Aaron Wallace, promises to only get better.

He will be joined by James Webb, Quentin Coryatt and returning starter Anthony Williams. That doesn't leave much room for Louisiana State transfer Tyrone Malone or such holdovers as Trent Lewis and Otis Nealy.

Texas A&M's racehorse linebackers will have to be good to compensate for a "suspect" defensive line and a young secondary.

Noseguard Pat Henry and end Kevin Tucker return to anchor the front wall, but Slocum will look long and hard for another starter to fortify his three-man front and some quality backup help.

Cornerback Kevin Smith, who picked off nine passes last year, returns to the secondary along with safety Larry Horton.

ARKANSAS

Coach: Jack Crowe (first year as head coach).
1989 record: 10-2 (lost to Tennessee in Cotton Bowl). SWC: 7-1/1st.

Key losses: Rick Apolskis, OT; Bubba Barrow, LB; Anthony Cooney, CB; Elbert Crawford, C; Barry Foster, FB; Tim Horton, SE; Jim Mabry, OT; James Rouse, HB; Michael Shepherd, DT; Patrick Williams, S; Billy Winston, TE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Patrick Crocker, T, 6-4/290, Jr.; Shon Flores, T, 6-3/280, Sr.; Sedric Fillmore, SE, 6-1/185, Soph.; *Todd Gifford, G, 6-4/285, Sr.; *Quinn Grovey, QB, 5-10/185, Sr.; JuJu Harshaw, FB, 6-0/230, Sr.; *Mark Henry, C, 6-5/275, Jr.; Steve Hudson, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; E.D. Jackson, TB, 5-10/210, Soph.; Matt Pitner, G, 6-1/270, Sr.; *Derek Russell, FL, 6-0/178, Sr. **Defense:** *Curtis Banks, CB, 5-11/190, Jr.; *Ken Benson, OLB, 6-2/220, Sr.; Ben Floor, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; Albert Harris, OLB, 6-2/240, Sr.; *Aaron Jackson, S, 5-11/213, Sr.; Michael James, CB, 6-1/185, Jr.; Scott Long, T, 6-4/260, Soph.; *Ty Mason, MLB, 6-2/225, Jr.; *Tony Ollison, T, 6-3/272, Sr.; *Chad Rolen, NG, 6-3/265, Sr.; *Mick Thomas, ILB, 6-2/234, Jr.

Other key players: Dwight Attaberry, OT, Jr. (JC); Jason Brandt, SE, Jr.; Pat Burris, CB, Sr.; Eric Castillo, G, Soph.; Tyrone Chatman, LB, Fr.; Kirk Collins, S, Jr.; Brendan Cook, SE, Fr.; Ron Dickerson, HB, Soph.; Darwin Ireland, HB, Fr.; Chris Oliver, T, Fr. (RS); Todd Wright, K, Soph.

Schedule: Tulsa, Sept. 15; Mississippi (at Little Rock), Sept. 22; Colorado State (at Little Rock), Sept. 29; Texas Christian (at Little Rock), Oct. 6; Texas Tech, Oct. 13; at Texas, Oct. 20; at Houston, Oct. 27; Rice (at Little Rock), Nov. 3; at Baylor, Nov. 10; Texas A&M, Nov. 17; at Southern Methodist, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Razorbacks.

Site: Fayetteville, Ark.

The Razorbacks will be trying to defend their consecutive SWC titles under the watchful eye of new Coach Jack Crowe.

Crowe, the Razorbacks' first-year offensive coordinator last year, was asked to take over the Arkansas reins when Ken Hatfield took the vacant coaching job at Clemson.

Crowe will not make many changes in the Razorbacks' winning formula.

"With two SWC championships in a row, you're smart not to change everything," he said. "That instills expectations in them. That's a positive thing, but it can also turn into a burden. There have not been many three-peats."

The last came just before Arkansas began its two-year stranglehold on the conference title. If the Razorbacks are to match Texas A&M's three-year run (1985-87) for their first three consecutive outright titles ever, Crowe must replace three key offensive linemen, including consensus All-America tackle Jim Mabry and All-SWC center Elbert Crawford, and replenish Arkansas' ballcarrying corps.

Crowe's offensive backfield has lost a lot of its depth, but the Razorback runners still should rank among the best in the league. Fullback Barry Foster, an all-conference performer last year, decided to forgo his final year of eligibility while tailback James Rouse was lost to graduation.

But sophomore halfbacks E.D. Jackson and Ron Dickerson have big-play potential and senior JuJu Harshaw, Foster's shadow for three years, finally will get his chance to start.

Crowe's top offensive weapon will be

elusive quarterback Quinn Grovey, Andre Ware's heir apparent as the league's top quarterback.

"He's the winningest quarterback in the league," Crowe said of Grovey, who has guided Arkansas to a 22-3 record as a starter.

Under Crowe's system, Grovey will throw more often—he averaged just under 12 pass attempts a game last season—and perhaps throw more often on the run. That may be out of necessity because Arkansas has had to reshuffle its offensive line.

Mark Henry has been switched to center, leaving Eric Castillo, last year's backup center, fighting Matt Pitner for Henry's right guard spot. Returning starter Todd Gifford should fill the other guard slot. Shon Flores, Patrick Crocker, redshirt freshman Chris Oliver and junior college transfer Dwight Attaberry will compete for time at tackle.

Flanker Derek Russell is the anchor of Arkansas' receiving corps.

Crowe's one big change will be seen on defense. Arkansas will go to a five-man front as the new coach tries to instill a more aggressive philosophy.

Senior Chad Rolen, small at 6-3, is a steady noseguard. Tackle Tony Ollison also returns to a line that must replace All-SWC end Michael Shepherd.

Mick Thomas, the team's leading tackler last season at inside linebacker, was sidelined by January shoulder surgery but should be ready by the season opener. Shannon Wright, the other inside man, left school because of personal problems but should be back and ready to play in the fall.

Former tailback Aaron Jackson, who was moved to free safety last August, was converted to strong safety in the spring, and junior Curtis Banks will hold down one corner spot. Ben Floor should start at free safety.



Arkansas' top offensive weapon is elusive quarterback Quinn Grovey.

TEXAS

Coach: David McWilliams (16-18, 3 years; 23-22-1 overall, 4 years).

1989 record: 5-6. SWC: 4-4/T4th.

Key losses: Rocky Allen, DT; Wayne Clements, K; Ed Cunningham, OT; Duane Duncum, LB; Donovan Forbes, QB; Ken Hackemack, DT; Tony Jones, WR; Bobby Lilljedahl, P.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Jeff Boyd, G, 6-4/281, Soph.; *Kerry Cash, TE, 6-4/222, Sr.; Mike Davis, FL, 6-0/168, Soph.; *Peter Gardere, QB, 6-0/185, Soph.; Chuck Johnson, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; *Duane Miller, G, 6-4/295, Sr.; *Chris Samuels, RB, 5-10/198, Sr.; *Todd Smith, C, 6-3/260, Sr.; *Stan Thomas, T, 6-6/285, Sr.; Adrian Walker, RB, 5-11/195, Soph.; *Johnny Walker, WR, 6-0/179, Sr. **Defense:** *Grady Cavness, CB, 5-10/180, Soph.; *Anthony Curl, ILB, 6-3/202, Soph.; *Shane Dronett, E, 6-6/252, Soph.; Willie Mack Garza, CB, 5-9/173, Soph. (RS); *Oscar Giles, E, 6-3/244, Sr.; *Lance Gunn, S, 6-3/208, Soph.; Tommy Jeter, T, 6-5/250, Jr.; *Brian Jones, MLB, 6-3/240, Sr.; *James Patton, T, 6-3/276, Jr.; Boone Powell, OLB, 6-4/222, Jr.; *Stanley Richard, S, 6-2/191, Sr.

Other key players: *Mark Berry, CB, Jr.; Phil Brown, RB, Fr. (RS); Jason Burleson, LB, Soph. (switched from TE); Keith Cash, FL, Fr.; Scott Gooch, OG, Jr.; Turk McDonald, C, Soph.; Chad McMillan, C, Sr.; Michael Pollak, K, Jr.; *Winfred Tubbs, LB, Soph.; Alex Waits, P, Sr.; Kevin Wiley, OG, Sr.

Schedule: At Penn State, Sept. 8; Colorado, Sept. 22; at Rice, Oct. 6; Oklahoma (at Dallas), Oct. 13; Arkansas, Oct. 20; Southern Methodist, Oct. 27; at Texas Tech, Nov. 3; Houston, Nov. 10; at Texas Christian, Nov. 17; at Baylor, Nov. 24; Texas A&M, Dec. 1.

Site: Austin, Tex.

After guiding Texas to back-to-back losing seasons for the first time in more than 50 years, the pressure is on fourth-year Longhorns Coach David McWilliams. Texas lost four of its last five 1989 games to finish at 5-6, the capper coming in a humiliating 50-7 pounding at the hands of Baylor in its home finale.

"We probably need to show them the Baylor game because that's the game everybody talks about," McWilliams said. "It was embarrassing not to compete any better than that. We ought to show them the film one more time to see how much they dislike the way they played. I hope they're angry after that."

To avoid a repeat of that disaster, McWilliams will have to put together a stronger offensive line. Guard Chad McMillan will return after a redshirt season and tackles Stan Thomas and Chuck Johnson promise improvement. Guards Scott Gooch and Jeff Boyd and center Turk McDonald will contend for starting jobs.

Sophomore quarterback Peter Gardere, a midseason sensation who led Texas to consecutive wins over Oklahoma and Arkansas, will be calling signals again for the Longhorns.

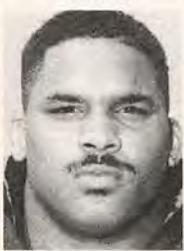
"I didn't notice any confidence missing (in the spring)," McWilliams said of Gardere, who threw eight more interceptions than touchdowns in 1989. "He's not making the same mistakes. My feeling is it has made him tougher mentally."

Behind him in Texas' new one-back set will be either redshirt freshman Phil Brown or Adrian Walker, who ran for 814

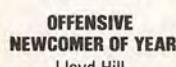
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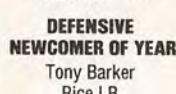
**OFFENSIVE
PLAYER OF YEAR**
Chuck Weatherspoon
Houston RB



**DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF YEAR**
Anthony Williams
Texas A&M LB



**OFFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF YEAR**
Lloyd Hill
Texas Tech WR



**DEFENSIVE
NEWCOMER OF YEAR**
Tony Barker
Rice LB

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHWEST TEAM

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MANNY HAZARD, Houston	5-9/172	Sr.
WR	ERIC HENLEY, Rice	5-8/155	Jr.
TE	KERRY CASH, Texas	6-4/222	Sr.
T	JASON JESSUP, Houston	6-4/265	Sr.
T	MATT McCALL, Texas A&M	6-8/314	Sr.
C	MIKE ARTHUR, Texas A&M	6-5/268	Sr.
G	MIKE GISLER, Houston	6-4/285	Jr.
G	JOHN TURNPAUGH, Baylor	6-2/330	Jr.
QB	QUINN GROVEY, Arkansas	5-10/185	Sr.
RB	DARREN LEWIS, Texas A&M	6-0/220	Sr.
RB	*CHUCK WEATHERSPOON, Houston	5-7/210	Sr.
FB	ROBERT WILSON, Texas A&M	6-1/245	Jr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	CHAD ROLEN, Arkansas	6-3/265	Sr.
DL	SANTANA DOTSON, Baylor	6-5/264	Jr.
DL	SHANE DRONETT, Texas	6-6/252	Soph.
DL	ROBIN JONES, Baylor	6-3/266	Jr.
DL	JASON YOUNGBLOOD, Houston	6-4/285	Soph.
ILB	REGGIE BURNETTE, Houston	6-3/235	Sr.
ILB	ANTHONY WILLIAMS, Texas A&M	6-2/228	Jr.
OLB	CHARLES ROWE, Texas Tech	6-2/220	Sr.
OLB	WILLIAM THOMAS, Texas A&M	6-3/205	Sr.
CB	KEVIN SMITH, Texas A&M	6-0/175	Jr.
CB	SAMMY WALKER, Texas Tech	5-11/190	Jr.
S	CARY BRABHAM, Southern Methodist	6-1/195	Soph.
S	MIKE WELCH, Baylor	6-2/197	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	ROMAN ANDERSON, Houston	5-10/180	Jr.
P	ALEX WAITS, Texas	6-2/200	Sr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	*DEREK RUSSELL, Arkansas	6-0/178	Sr.
WR	JOHNNY WALKER, Texas	6-0/179	Sr.
WR	BRIAN WILLIAMS, Houston	5-10/160	Sr.
TE	KELLY BLACKWELL, Texas Christian	6-3/240	Jr.
T	TRE GILLER, Southern Methodist	6-6/275	Sr.
T	KYLE CARROLL, Southern Methodist	6-4/275	Soph.
C	MARK HENRY, Arkansas	6-5/275	Jr.
G	TODD GIFFORD, Arkansas	6-4/285	Sr.
G	MIKE SULLIVAN, Texas Christian	6-3/272	Sr.
QB	DONALD HOLLAS, Rice	6-3/215	Sr.
FB	JUJU HARSHAW, Arkansas	6-0/232	Sr.
RB	ANTHONY LYNN, Texas Tech	6-3/210	Jr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	MATT SIGN, Rice	5-10/230	Soph.
DL	ROOSEVELT COLLINS, Texas Christian	6-5/242	Jr.
DL	JOHN GODFREY, Baylor	6-4/249	Sr.
DL	TONY OLLISON, Arkansas	6-3/272	Sr.
DL	MARCUS WASHINGTON, Texas Tech	6-0/215	Jr.
ILB	BRIAN JONES, Texas	6-3/240	Sr.
ILB	MICK THOMAS, Arkansas	6-2/234	Jr.
OLB	ERIC BLOUNT, Houston	6-1/220	Soph.
OLB	STEPHON WEATHERSPOON, Texas Tech	6-2/230	Sr.
CB	CHARLES BELL, Baylor	5-10/170	Sr.
CB	WILLIE MACK GARZA, Texas	5-9/173	Soph.
S	LARRY HORTON, Texas A&M	6-0/186	Sr.
S	TRACY SAUL, Texas Tech	6-0/180	Soph.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	TODD WRIGHT, Arkansas	5-11/170	Soph.
P	SEAN WILSON, Texas A&M	6-1/217	Sr.

yards last season as a redshirt freshman.

Gardere will have big-time targets in wide receiver Johnny Walker, who caught a school-record 55 passes last year, and tight end Kerry Cash. Beyond those two, however, depth could be a problem.

McWilliams' improving defense will feature such coming attractions as end Shane Dronett and cornerback Willie Mack Garza. The 252-pound Dronett, described by McWilliams as a coming superstar, complements proven senior end Oscar Giles.

Tight end Jason Burleson and fullback Winfred Tubbs, a pair of burly sophomores, have joined returnee Brian Jones at linebacker and could make immediate impacts. Garza, who missed the 1989 season with a knee injury, should be the headline performer in a secondary that also includes cornerback Grady Cavness and safeties Lance Gunn and Stanley Richard.

HOUSTON

Coach: John Jenkins (first year as head coach).
1989 record: 9-2. SWC: 6-2/T2nd.

Key losses: Kimble Anders, WR; Joey Banes, OT; Mecridic Calloway, CB; Chris Ellison, S; Byron Forsthe, C; Mike Holley, OG; Tyrone Jones, LB; Alton Montgomery, S; Alfred Oglesby, DT; Cornelius Price, CB; Paul Smith, WR; Craig Veasey, DE; Andre Ware, QB; Darren Warren, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Charles Bowman, G, 6-3/290, Sr.; Verlond Brown, WR, 6-1/175, Jr.; *Mike Gisler, G, 6-4/285, Jr.; Tracy Good, WR, 5-6/170, Soph.; *Manny Hazard, WR, 5-9/172, Sr.; Jason Jessup, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Greg

Jones, C, 6-2/237, Sr.; David Klingler, QB, 6-3/205, Jr.; Leroy Truitt, T, 6-3/290, Sr.; *Chuck Weatherspoon, RB, 5-7/210, Sr.; Brian Williams, WR, 5-10/160, Sr. **Defense:** James Bevil, E, 6-2/232, Jr.; *Eric Blount, OLB, 6-1/220, Soph.; *Reggie Burnette, OLB, 6-3/235, Sr.; Glenn Cadre, MLB, 6-3/235, Jr.; Zack Chatman, S, 6-1/180, Soph.; Tyrone Davis, CB, 6-1/210, Jr. (transfer/Iowa State); *Tray Hooper, T, 6-0/270, Sr.; Kevin LaBay, E, 6-4/230, Soph.; Jamie Mouton, CB, 6-0/180, Soph.; Kenny Perry, S, 5-8/160, Jr.; Jason Youngblood, T, 6-4/285, Soph.

Other key players: Craig Alexander, WR, Sr.; Roman Anderson, K, Jr.; Preston Bailey, S, Soph.; John Brown, WR, Jr. (JC); Patrick Cooper, WR, Sr.; Lorenzo Dickson, S, Jr. (JC); Kevin Johnson, DL (JC); Avery Moore, WR (JC); Linton Weatherston, DT, Fr. (RS); Tim Woods, WR, Soph.
Schedule: UNLV, Sept. 8; at Texas Tech, Sept. 13; Rice, Sept. 29; at Baylor, Oct. 6; Texas A&M, Oct. 13; at Southern Methodist, Oct. 20; Arkansas, Oct. 27; Texas Christian, Nov. 3; at Texas, Nov. 10; Eastern Washington, Nov. 17; Arizona State (at Tokyo), Dec. 1.

Nickname: Cougars.

Site: Houston.

The rest of the league can take comfort in the fact that Ware decided to forgo his final year of eligibility and turn professional. Ware, who threw a whopping 46 touchdown passes last year, set 26 NCAA records in 1989, including marks for passing yards (4,699) and total offense (4,661).

But conference defenses should be forewarned. New Coach John Jenkins, who was elevated from offensive coordinator when Jack Pardee decided to become coach of the NFL's Houston Oilers, has every intention of keeping the Cougars on their record-setting offensive

pace. Houston set numerous NCAA marks last year while averaging 53.5 points per game (just 2.5 points shy of the I-A record) and totaling 6,874 offensive yards.

"There were so many national records set and points scored, it's hard to say if they can be duplicated," said Jenkins, who has five offensive starters back from a 9-2 team that remains on probation and is ineligible for a bowl. "That was the first team that's ever done it. But they're determined to improve and keep the rhythm going. They don't want to be average."

Not that any team returning the nation's leading receiver and rusher could be.

Senior Manny Hazard went on a record binge of his own last season, becoming the third Cougar in as many years to pace NCAA receivers. Hazard caught a record 142 passes for 1,689 yards and a record 22 touchdowns. Senior back Chuck Weatherston, as easy to stop as your average steamroller, averaged 9.6 yards per carry to break Greg Pruitt's NCAA mark of 9.4. Weatherspoon finished the season with 1,146 rushing yards and added 735 yards on 58 receptions for a per-game net average of 217.4 yards.

Despite the departure of three offensive linemen, Houston has solid replacements who received quality playing time in 1989, thanks to the Cougars' numerous runaway victories. Tackle Jason Jessup and guard Mike Gisler will form the nucleus of a line that will be asked to protect junior quarterback David Klingler, Ware's 1989 understudy who appears well groomed for

the starting role.

Hazard is only one of the top-notch targets at which Klingler can take aim in Houston's run-and-shoot offense. Wide man Brian Williams returns, as do such coming attractions as Tracy Good, Verlond Brown and junior college transfer John Brown, a 6-3, 200-pound speedster whom Jenkins describes as "faster than any gunslinger."

Jenkins' biggest problem will be on defense. The Cougars lost eight starters from the league's third-rated unit, including three juniors who elected to turn pro a year early. Of particular concern are the line and secondary, both of which suffered serious losses.

Linebackers Eric Blount and Reggie Burnette should form the heart of the defense and tackles Tray Hooper and Jason Youngblood return to claim their starting jobs on the line. Jenkins predicts that sophomore end Kevin LaBay will develop into an outstanding performer.

How Houston will stop opposing passers remains to be seen. The secondary has been stripped bare and such hopefuls as safety Kenny Perry and cornerback Jamie Mouton will have to step in and provide big performances.

BAYLOR

Coach: Grant Teaff (107-92-5, 18 years; 149-138-7 overall, 27 years).

1989 record: 5-6. SWC: 4-4/T4th.

Key losses: Robert Blackmon, S; James Francis, LB; Terry Gray, OT; Gary Joe Kinne, LB; Jeff Murray, FB; Larry Vasbinder, OT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Greg Anderson, SE, 5-10/170, Sr.; *Mark Bass, C, 6-3/274, Sr.; Jeff DeLoach, T, 6-5/279, Soph.; Matt Gant, T, 6-3/267, Jr.; Brad Goebel, QB, 6-4/195, Sr.; *Monte Jones, G, 6-1/291, Jr.; Robert Strait, FB, 6-1/230, Fr. (RS); Mike McKenzie, TE, 6-3/229, Soph.; *Eldwin Raphael, RB, 6-0/178, Sr.; *Steve Stutsman, RB, 6-4/223, Jr.; *John Turnpaugh, G, 6-2/330, Jr. **Defense:** *Charles Bell, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Lee Bruderer, MLB, 6-1/222, Soph.; Keith Caldwell, S, 5-11/173, Jr.; *Santana Dotson, T, 6-5/264, Jr.; *Malcolm Frank, CB, 5-8/180, Sr.; *John Godfrey, E, 6-4/249, Sr.; *Curtis Hafford, OLB, 6-0/197, Jr.; *Robin Jones, E, 6-3/266, Jr.; Marcus Lowe, T, 6-2/282, Jr.; Daniel Morgan, OLB, 5-10/202, Sr.; *Mike Welch, S, 6-2/197, Sr.

Other key players: Adam Arroyo, OT, Jr. (JC); Jeff Ireland, K, Jr.; *David Frost, SE, Sr.; *Reggie Howard, DT, Sr.; David Loeb, FB, Soph.; LeShai Maston, S, Soph.; Reggie Miller, FL, Soph.; David Mims, RB, Soph.; Carmichael RB, Sr.; Greg Oefinger, DT, Sr.; Anthony Ray, DE, Jr.; Frankie Smith, CB, Sr. **Schedule:** At Nebraska, Sept. 1; at Arizona State, Sept. 8; Sam Houston State, Sept. 22; at Texas Tech, Sept. 29; Houston, Oct. 6; Southern Methodist, Oct. 13; at Texas A&M, Oct. 20; at Texas Christian, Oct. 27; Arkansas, Nov. 10; at Rice, Nov. 17; Texas, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Bears.

Site: Waco, Tex.

Upset with "an inept offense," the league's worst, Bears Coach Grant Teaff hired a new coordinator, switched offenses and moved the most highly regarded running back recruit in the school's history to fullback.

While nearly everyone else in the league is trying to inject more passing into the offense, Teaff refuses to throw in with the rest of the crowd. The I-formation veer will dictate a ground attack.

"I describe it as swimming upstream," said Teaff, who is beginning his 19th season with the Bears. "I can't be dictated to by other people. Since '86, we had been throwing more and enjoying it less. I could prove to be the biggest fool in America next fall, but that's the way we're going."

Three-year starting quarterback Brad Goebel, whose passing statistics have dropped consistently, will be asked to change his thinking and direct the new offense. And 220-pound redshirt freshman Robert Strait, a potentially devastating offensive force, has been moved from tailback to fullback by new offensive coordinator Chucky Reedy, a Clemson product.

The offense is well stocked with returning starters, including guards John Turnpaugh and Monte Jones, center Mark Bass, split end Greg Anderson, tight end/running back Steve Stutsman and running back Eldwin Raphael.

But any chance the Bears will have of improving on their 5-6 record and contending for the conference title likely will be in the hands of a defense that finished first in the SWC and ninth in the nation last year.

There are a few key holes to fill, but eight starters return. Oklahoma transfer Marcus Lowe will join forces with all-conference selection Santana Dotson at tackle and Robin Jones and John Godfrey at ends to give Baylor an outstanding front wall.

Despite the loss of strong safety Robert Blackmon, the Bears should boast the best secondary in the conference. Free safety Mike Welch returns, as do cornerbacks Charles Bell and Malcolm Frank.

"It's not a matter of having to rebuild the barn," said Teaff, who must find two offensive tackles and hope linebackers Curtis Hafford and Daniel Morgan can replace James Francis and Gary Joe Kinne.



Safety Mike Welch is one reason Baylor boasts the SWC's best secondary.

TEXAS TECH

Coach: Spike Dykes (20-14-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 9-3 (beat Duke in All American Bowl). SWC: 5-3/4th.

Key losses: James Gray, TB; Troy Henington, DT; Tom Mathiasmeier, DE; Charles Odiorne, OT; Charles Perry, DT; Travis Price, WR; Nathan Richburg, G; Arcadio Saenz, G; Jamie Simmons, P; Kevin Sprinkles, TE; Tommy Webb, OT; Clifton Winston, FB; Len Wright, C.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Peter Allen, G, 6-1/265, Fr. (RS); Brent Barton, C, 6-3/265, Sr.; Charlie Biggins, T, 6-4/286, Soph.; Rodney Blackshear, SE, 6-0/180, Jr.; Bill DuBoise, T, 6-1/275, Sr.; Jason Duvall, G, 6-2/275, Jr.; *Jamie Gill, QB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Charles Lott, TE, 6-3/250, Sr.; Anthony Lynn, RB, 6-3/210, Jr.; *Anthony Manyweather, FL, 5-9/160, Sr.; Anthony McDowell, FB, 6-0/230, Jr. **Defense:** Greg Burden, T, 6-3/250, Sr.; *Brian Dubiski, S, 6-2/190, Jr.; *Ronald Ferguson, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Mike Liscio, E, 6-1/230, Soph.; Brad Phelps, T, 6-2/260, Soph.; *Charles Rowe, OLB, 6-2/220, Sr.; *Tracy Saul, S, 6-0/180, Soph.; *Sammy Walker, CB, 5-11/190, Jr.; *Marcus Washington, E, 6-0/215, Jr.; *Stephon Weatherspoon, OLB, 6-2/230, Sr.; *Matt Wingo, MLB, 6-1/225, Jr.

Other key players: Doug Bonds, S/P, Jr.; Michael Brisco, DE, Soph.; Tony Brown, CB, Jr. (transfer/Purdue); Lin Elliott, K, Jr.; Stephen Gaines, DT, Fr.; Lloyd Hill, WR, Fr.; Fred Petty, NT, Jr. (JC); Louis Sheffield, RB, Jr. (switched from FB); Anthony Stinnett, WR, Jr. (JC).

Schedule: At Ohio State, Sept. 8; Houston, Sept. 13; at New Mexico, Sept. 22; Baylor, Sept. 29; at Texas A&M, Oct. 6; at Arkansas, Oct. 13; at Rice, Oct. 20; Miami (Fla.), Oct. 27; Texas, Nov. 3; at Texas Christian, Nov. 10; Southern Methodist, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Red Raiders.

Site: Lubbock, Tex.

They say that all good things must end, and that certainly appears to be the case for 1989 SWC Coach of the Year Spike Dykes, who guided the Red Raiders to a 9-3 finish last season, Texas Tech's best record in 13 years, and a berth in the All American Bowl.

Nine of his offensive starters are gone and a massive rebuilding job is in order. Only quarterback Jamie Gill and flanker Anthony Manyweather return to an offense that focused on running back James Gray, an all-conference performer.

Junior Anthony Lynn is a top-notch prospect and the heir apparent to Gray. But he will be running behind a line that includes four starters seeing their first college football action.

Gill will have inviting targets in Manyweather and top recruit Lloyd Hill, but points and victories could be hard to come by for the young unit.

Eight starters return to a defense that allowed 396.4 yards per game last season. Marcus Washington will anchor the line from his end position, Charles Rowe and Stephon Weatherspoon are solid linebackers and cornerback Sammy Walker heads a secondary that also includes free safety Tracy Saul, a talented sophomore who intercepted eight passes in his freshman campaign.

"Our defense won't ever be great because of the theory we play," Dykes said. "But it had better carry us early or there won't be anything left of us but a greasy spot."

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Coach: Jim Wacker (28-42-2, 7 years; 133-81-3 overall, 19 years).

1989 record: 4-7. SWC: 2-6/T7th.

Key losses: Mike Bulla, C; Darrell Davis, DE; Todd Holmes, WR; Ron Jiles, QB; Robert McWright, CB; Tommy Palmer, RB; Fred Washington, DT; Buddy Wyatt, DT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Bret Alexander, T, 6-7/292, Sr.; Kelly Blackwell, TE, 6-3/240, Jr.; David Breedlove, C, 6-3/252, Soph.; Leon Clay, QB, 6-2/210, Soph.; Tony Darthard, RB, 5-9/197, Sr.; Setrick Dickens, WR, 5-11/168, Soph.; *Bill Elliott, G, 6-5/285, Sr.; *Michael Jackson, WR, 5-10/185, Soph.; *Jody Morse, T, 6-3/256, Soph.; *Stephen Shipley, WR, 6-4/205, Soph.; *Mike Sullivan, G, 6-3/272, Sr. **Defense:** *Richard Booker, OLB, 6-2/240, Sr.; *Larry Brown, CB, 6-1/185, Sr.; *Jason Cauble, OLB, 6-0/205, Sr.; *Roosevelt Collins, E, 6-5/242, Jr.; *Stephen Conley, S, 5-9/188, Sr.; *Levoil Crump, S, 6-3/212, Sr.; Ed Galaviz, CB, 5-10/175, Jr.; LaJuan Kyles, E, 6-1/240, Sr.; James Prather, T, 6-4/275, Jr. (JC); *Brad Smith, MLB, 6-3/230, Soph.; Kenneth Walton, T, 6-4/250, Jr.

Other key players: John Bates, QB, Fr. (RS); Tunji Bolden, DT, Soph.; Kevin Cordesman, K/P, Soph.; Anthony Hickman, CB, Soph.; Cedric Jackson, RB, Sr. (RS); Thomas Lewis, DT, Jr.; Chuck Mooney, DE, Sr.; Tony Rand, CB, Soph.; Matt Vogler, QB, Soph. (transfer/Auburn).

Schedule: Washington State, Sept. 1; at Missouri, Sept. 8; Oklahoma State, Sept. 22; at Southern Methodist, Sept. 29; at Arkansas, Oct. 6; Rice, Oct.

13; Baylor, Oct. 27; at Houston, Nov. 3; Texas Tech, Nov. 10; Texas, Nov. 17; at Texas A&M, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Horned Frogs.

Site: Fort Worth, Tex.

Horned Frogs Coach Jim Wacker, in an attempt to snap a string of five straight losing seasons, will be breaking in his third offensive coordinator in as many seasons when running backs coach Bob DeBesse assumes the reins. DeBesse will benefit from the return of TCU's entire receiving corps (slotback Michael Jackson, tight end Kelly Blackwell and wide man Stephen Shipley), all-conference guard Mike Sullivan and talented running back Tony Darthard, a 2,087-yard career rusher who was sidelined last season by a knee injury.

Three other starters join Sullivan on the offensive line and Cedric Jackson returns from an injury-plagued 1989 campaign to join Darthard in the backfield.

The starting quarterback should be Leon Clay, but he will get strong challenges from John Bates and Auburn transfer Matt Vogler.

"Leon is at the top of the class," Wacker said. "But that's not etched in granite. I think he's got a chance to eventually be

All-SWC caliber."

The strength of TCU's defense, which ranked eighth in the conference last season, should be end Roosevelt Collins, linebackers Richard Booker and Brad Smith and safety Levoil Crump. Wacker hopes that junior college transfers James Prather and Thomas Lewis can step in and help him on the defensive line.

RICE

Coach: Fred Goldsmith (2-8-1, 1 year; 4-15-1 overall, 2 years).

1989 record: 2-8-1. SWC: 2-6/T7th.

Key losses: Allen Koch, OG; Scott Reeves, OG; Melvin Turner, TE; Richard Williams, RB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Mike Appelbaum, T, 6-2/255, Soph.; Louis Balady, WR, 5-10/175, Soph.; *Billy Baldwin, T, 6-4/295, Soph.; Trevor Cobb, RB, 5-9/175, Soph.; *Eric Henley, WB, 5-8/155, Jr.; *Donald Hollas, QB, 6-3/215, Sr.; Chris Miller, WR, 5-10/160, Soph. (transfer/Arkansas); *Richard Segina, C, 6-3/260, Sr.; Larry Stuppy, G, 6-4/250, Jr.; (switched from DT; missed '89 ankle); *Trey Teichelman, G, 6-3/255, Jr. (switched from T); Tim Winn, TE, 6-3/205, Jr. **Defense:** *O.J. Brigance, ILB, 6-0/210, Sr.; *Joel Dawson, E, 6-4/240, Jr.; *Tim Fitzpatrick, OLB, 6-2/220, Sr.; *David Griffin, S, 5-10/190, Jr.; Clifford Jackson, CB, 5-8/165, Soph.; Greg King, CB, 5-10/160, Sr.; Corey Seymour, T, 6-3/240, Soph.; *Matt Sign, NG, 5-10/230, Soph.; Bill Stone, OLB, 6-2/200, Sr.; Robert Summerlin, S, 5-10/190, Sr.; Joey Wheeler, ILB, 6-1/215, Soph.

Other key players: Tony Barker, LB, Jr. (transfer/Kansas); *Donald Bowers, LB, Sr.; *Paul Brotze, T, Jr.; *Nigel Codrington, CB, Sr.; *Courtney Cravin, WR, Sr.; Sammy Hartman, K, Sr.; *Otha Latin, CB, Jr.; *Merritt Robinson, WR, Sr.; Bobby Schrader, P, Jr.; Terry Thornton, S, Jr.; *Alonzo Williams, LB, Soph.; Antonio Wilson, CB, Soph.

Schedule: Wake Forest, Sept. 1; Tulane, Sept. 8; Northwestern, Sept. 22; at Houston, Sept. 29; Texas, Oct. 6; at Texas Christian, Oct. 13; Texas Tech, Oct. 20; at Texas A&M, Oct. 27; Arkansas (at Little Rock), Nov. 3; Southern Methodist, Nov. 10; Baylor, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Owls.

Site: Houston.

After going winless in 1988, Fred Goldsmith's Owls showed improvement last season with their 2-8-1 record. They won two games on the road for the first time since 1986 and came close to knocking off Texas in Austin.

Goldsmith hopes to build on that in 1989 and he does have several nice weapons at his disposal. You can start with the talented duo of quarterback Donald Hollas and wingback Eric Henley and throw in a defense that returns all 11 starters.

Hollas completed 56.5 percent of his passes last season for 1,815 yards and five touchdowns despite missing two games with a broken leg. Henley made 81 catches and was on the receiving end of all of Hollas' TD throws.

Hollas and running back Trevor Cobb should operate behind a line that returns three starters.

Linebacker O.J. Brigance and nose-guard Matt Sign are the premier performers on a defense that must improve drastically. The Owls allowed 395 yards per game and six opponents scored 30 or more points.

"We can't dominate anyone up front," Goldsmith said. "We have to rely on quickness. But we're shooting for a winning season. That's our goal."



I've ever had. He may have the best arm I've ever coached."

Klingler, who said he consistently can throw the ball about 75 yards, can't wait to put that arm to work in Jenkins' high-tech run-and-shoot. "If you're big and strong and smart, that's all you need to be a great quarterback here," he said.

Which may explain the presence of his brother Jimmy, a 6-4, 210-pound freshman quarterback. Is there any chance his sibling might beat him out? "I'm scared to think about it," David said. "But I told him if he tried, I'd whip him."

—KIRK BOHLS

The Depth Chart

Ware's successor eyes even bigger numbers

Houston's David Klingler admits he has some doubts. Though he played in all but three games last season, he faces some uncertainty in his attempt to replace the record-shattering, Heisman Trophy-winning Andre Ware.

Klingler isn't quite sure he can win the Heisman, too.

Oh.

"I'm pretty confident," the 6-foot-3, 205-pound quarterback said. "Coach (John) Jenkins has done such a good job preparing me, I don't think there'll be much of a drop-off. Truthfully, I think I can put up a lot bigger numbers than Andre did because I don't know if I'll have somebody playing behind me as much as I did Andre."

So much for the burden of succeeding a guy who threw for 4,699 yards and 46 touchdowns last year.

Klingler was a high school option quarterback who arrived on campus with a sidearm motion that prompted Jenkins to dub him "Slinger." Recalled Klingler: "I rarely threw a spiral."

Jenkins quickly corrected that. As a sophomore last fall, Klingler saw enough action behind Ware to complete 68 of 114 passes for 864 yards and eight TDs. That was good for second in the Southwest Conference in both passing efficiency and completion percentage (.596).

"I hate to make comparisons," Jenkins said, "but from a learning process, Klingler's the best of any quarterback

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Coach: Forrest Gregg (2-9, 1 year).

1989 record: 2-9, SWC: 0-8/9th.

Key losses: Mitchell Gieber, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Andy Bergfeld, WR, 6-3/180, Soph.; *Michael Bowen, WR, 5-9/180, Sr.; *Kyle Carroll, T, 6-4/275, Soph.; *Tre Giller, T, 6-6/275, Sr.; *Matt Hart, G, 6-3/270, Soph. (broke hand in spring practice); Siemon Knight, WR, 6-1/175, Soph.; *Kevin Love, RB, 6-2/215, Soph.; *Mike Romo, QB, 6-0/185, Soph.; *Oscar Rosales, G, 5-11/255, Jr.; *Matt Wiesenbaker, C, 6-2/260, Soph.; *Jason Wolf, WR, 6-0/195, Soph. **Defense:** *Jason Bednarz, ILB, 6-2/220, Soph.; *Steve Benotti, NT, 6-1/240, Soph.; *Malcolm Borlenghi, S, 6-3/195, Jr.; *Cary Brabham, S, 6-1/195, Soph.; *Chris Collins, OLB, 6-3/220, Jr.; *Darren Harrington, OLB, 6-4/220, Soph.; *Bill Kiely, ILB, 6-0/230, Soph.; *Marcus Malonson, CB, 5-8/160, Soph.; *Uzo Okeke, E, 6-1/250, Soph.; *Kenny Rea, E, 6-2/270, Soph.; *Marcello Simmons, CB, 6-1/175, Soph.

Other key players: Russell Anderson, K, Soph.; Korey Beard, WR, Soph.; Dan Echols, WR, Soph. (switched from CB); Dan Freiburger, QB, Soph.; Rongea Hill, RB, Soph.; Marty Kidd, WR, Soph.; Mike Martinez, CB, Soph. (missed spring/shoulder); Andy Spillman, S, Soph.; Omar Thompson, OLB, Soph. (switched from RB); Bruce Van Derven, DE, Soph.; Dan Wilson, LB, Soph. (transfer/North Texas).

Schedule: Vanderbilt, Sept. 8; at Tulane, Sept. 15; Texas Christian, Sept. 29; at North Texas, Oct. 6; at Baylor, Oct. 13; Houston, Oct. 20; at Texas, Oct. 27; Texas A&M, Nov. 3; at Rice, Nov. 10; at Texas Tech, Nov. 17; Arkansas, Nov. 4.

Nickname: Mustangs.

Site: Dallas.

Southern Methodist fans learned there was life after the death penalty. Not the good life perhaps, but the Mustangs still have a pulse.

Coming off a surprising 2-9 year—the surprise was the 2—the Mustangs returned from their NCAA-imposed, two-year suspension with a stirring season in which they beat Connecticut and North Texas and actually led conference-champion Arkansas in the fourth quarter.

"That was a real plus for us," Coach Forrest Gregg said. "Our defense played its best game of the year."

To play even better, Gregg dispatched his team to the weight room, where up to seven players now can bench-press 400 pounds—seven more than last season. That could enhance an offense that produced only one 100-yard rushing day last year despite the presence of a top back in Kevin Love.

"I don't think people had any respect for our running game," Gregg said.

To gain some, the Mustangs moved wide receiver Rongea Hill to slotback and also will throw deeper this fall to Jason Wolf, Michael Bowen and converted receiver Dan Echols. The trigger man is quarterback Mike Romo, a sophomore who broke five school records and had the third-highest season passing total (2,927 yards) in SMU history.

Of the 24 recruits the Mustangs signed, 16 were defensive players. That seems like proper emphasis considering that the Mustangs allowed 95 points to Houston, 63 to Texas A&M and 59 to Notre Dame.

Nevertheless, there is hope. Free safety Cary Brabham, who recorded 101 tackles, is one of the conference's coming stars. ■

SCOUTING THE SOUTHWEST

Program of the '90s: Texas. The '80s were a troublesome decade for the Longhorns, who had grown accustomed to national championships under Darrell Royal in the '60s and '70s. The winning continued under Royal's successor, Fred Akers, but not enough to please the fans, and Akers was fired. His replacement, David McWilliams, has posted one winning season in three years. The Longhorns were dominated in numerous big games, lost key contests at home and, in the latter years of the decade, were destroyed by Texas A&M and Oklahoma. But a Longhorn resurgence is in the works. McWilliams has assembled a solid coaching staff, his talent pool is improving and, for the time being, he has the support of the school's vocal alumni. A strong 1990 season would go a long way toward making Texas a national power once again.

Best bets: Texas will post a winning record. Texas A&M will compete for the national crown if it defeats non-conference foes Hawaii and Louisiana State. Southern Methodist will win an SWC game. Texas A&M safety Larry Horton will give opponents plenty of bulletin-board material by running off at the mouth.

Aren't they special: SMU's Michael Bowen, Arkansas' Jason Brandt, Texas Tech's Bryan Gerlich and Baylor's Le'Shai Maston are superb coverage men on special teams. Houston's Roman Anderson is not only a fine place-kicker, but also a better tackler than virtually anyone else at his position.

Impact newcomers: Tony Barker, LB,

Rice, Jr. (transfer/Kansas); John Brown, WR, Houston, Jr. (JC); Lloyd Hill, WR, Texas Tech, Fr.; Tyronne Malone, LB, Texas A&M, Soph. (transfer/Louisiana State); Quentin Coryatt, LB, Texas A&M, Jr. (Prop 48, academics); Robert Strait, FB, Baylor, Fr. (RS).

Odds and ends: Texas Tech cornerback Sammy Walker, one of the league's best defenders, has 20/200 vision in his left eye.... Rice, with its most talented team in years and seven home games, could reach the .500 mark for the first time since 1972.... Bowen is the last player remaining from SMU's 1986 team, which was disbanded after the NCAA suspended the Mustang program.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Chuck Weather-spoon, Houston, 104.2 yds.pg (119 att., 1,146 yds., 10 TDs, 9.6 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Jamie Gill, Texas Tech, 134.4 rating pts. (186 att., 105 comp., 12 TDs, 1,468 yds.).

Total offense: Mike Romo, Southern Methodist, 251 yds.pg (-166 yds. rushing, 2,927 yds. passing, 2,761 total yds.).

Receiving: Manny Hazard, Houston, 12.9 rec.pg (142 rec., 1,689 yds., 22 TDs, 11.9 avg.).

Scoring: Manny Hazard, Houston, 12.2 pts.pg (22 TDs, 2 PATs, 0 FGs, 134 pts.).

Punting: Sean Wilson, Texas A&M, 41.7 avg. (36 punts, 1,500 yds.).

Punt returns: Tracy Saul, Texas Tech, 10.2 avg. (30 att., 305 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Larry Horton, Texas A&M, 24.7 avg. (17 att., 420 yds., 1 TD).

Field goals: Roman Anderson, Houston, 2 FG.pg (22/36 FGs, 61.1%).

Interceptions: Kevin Smith, Texas A&M, .82 int.pg (9 int., 75 yds., 1 TD).

—JOHN HADLEY



Texas' David McWilliams

The Envelope, Please

Best offensive line:

Texas A&M

Best offensive backfield:

Texas A&M

Best pro prospect:

Robert Wilson, FB, Texas A&M

Best wide receivers:

Houston

Best clutch receiver:

Manny Hazard, Houston

Best defensive line:

Baylor

Best-hitting DL:

Jason Youngblood, Houston

Best linebackers:

Texas A&M

Best-hitting LB:

Mick Thomas, Arkansas

Best defensive backfield:

Baylor

Best-hitting DB:

Mike Welch, Baylor

Best kicking game:

Texas A&M

Best specialty units:

Texas A&M

Best special-teams player:

Le'Shai Maston, Baylor

Best special-teams hitter:

Le'Shai Maston, Baylor

Best coaching staff:

Texas A&M

Best coach:

Spike Dykes, Texas Tech

Best offensive assistant:

Chuck Reedy, Baylor

Best defensive assistant:

Leon Fuller, Texas

Best Heisman candidate:

Chuck Weatherspoon, RB, Houston

Offensive WAC does have its defensive moments

By BOB HAMMOND
Laramie Daily Boomerang

Games are won with offense, but championships are won with defense. With that thought in mind, the Western Athletic Conference, college football's premier offensive league of the 1980s, heads into a new decade with a mindset geared toward the other side of the football.

The WAC's offensive success has been well documented. During the 1980s, the league produced five NCAA total offense champions and had teams finish second twice, third once and fourth twice.

The WAC also produced 14 individual and 13 team NCAA Division I-A statistical champions in the decade, and the conference has led Division I-A in scoring each of the last two seasons.

This offensive success has been duly noted around the country. High-scoring Brigham Young captured a national championship in 1984 and former BYU quarterback Steve Young finished second in the 1983 Heisman Trophy balloting. Three other WAC athletes finished third in the Heisman voting and BYU offensive tackle Mohammed Elewonibi captured the 1989 Outland Trophy.

But through the maze of offensive statistics and national accomplishments comes one revealing fact. The most successful teams of the decade—BYU (102-27), Hawaii (69-43-4), Air Force (72-48-2) and Wyoming (67-51)—also have played good defense.

"The defenses in our league have got-

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. BRIGHAM YOUNG

Though the program has slipped a notch or two, the Cougars should continue to fly with Ty.

2. WYOMING

The Cowboys could lasso the Cougars with all the talent they've been rounding up.

3. HAWAII

The Rainbows win because they're usually better prepared than their opponents.

4. COLORADO STATE

With the nucleus of last year's team back, the Rams could be the WAC's surprise contenders.

5. AIR FORCE

The Falcons are temporarily grounded. Their talent base has diminished in recent years.

6. SAN DIEGO STATE

The Aztecs again will field a dangerous offense, but they're weak elsewhere.

7. TEXAS-EL PASO

Miner fans hoping to rebound from a 2-10 season could be in for more disappointment.

8. UTAH

The loss of many key players assures the Utes of a second-division finish.

9. NEW MEXICO

The Lobos have improved, but any dreams of a WAC title are a long way off.



Brigham Young's secondary features cornerback Brian Mitchell.

ten a bad rap over the years because the offenses have been so good," said BYU's LaVell Edwards, the dean of WAC coaches. "But the good teams in our league have always played good defense."

It's no coincidence that the WAC has produced two other Outland Trophy winners in the decade—BYU's Jason Buck (1986) and Air Force's Chad Hennings (1987)—and both were defensive linemen. And the WAC has another legitimate Outland candidate this year in Wyoming defensive end Mitch Donahue.

The move toward defense is best reflected by the fact that three of the league's newest coaches—Colorado State's Earle Bruce, San Diego State's Al Luginbill and Utah's Ron McBride—have extensive backgrounds in that area.

"The last three or four coaches who have come into our league are defensive-oriented," said Wyoming Coach Paul Roach. "That's a good indication that there is a new emphasis on defense."

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Coach: LaVell Edwards (165-56-1, 18 years).

1989 record: 10-3 (lost to Penn State in Holiday Bowl). WAC: 7-1/1st.

Key losses: Tim Adams, NG; Eric Bergeson, DB; Jason Chafetz, K; Bob Davis, LB; Mohammed Elewonibi, OG; Jeff Frandsen, WR; Duane Johnson, LB; Budd Orr, DT; Chad Robinson, LB; Fred Whittingham, FB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Jim Balfour, G, 6-4-270, Sr.; *Matt Bellini, HB, 6-0/205,

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**

Sr.; *Andy Boyce, WR, 6-0/185, Sr.; *Ty Detmer, QB, 6-0/175, Jr.; *Neal Fort, T, 6-6/295, Sr.; *Mike Keim, T, 6-8/290, Sr.; *Bryan May, G, 6-7/290, Jr.; Brent Nyberg, WR, 6-2/200, Sr.; *Chris Smith, TE, 6-4/230, Sr.; *Robert Stephens, C, 6-3/265, Sr.; Peter Tuipulotu, FB, 5-11/205, Jr. **Defense:** Josh Arnold, S, 5-10/190, Jr.; *Rocky Biegel, ILB, 6-2/225, Jr.; *Tony Crutchfield, CB, 5-10/190, Jr.; *Norman Dixon, S, 6-1/195, Sr.; Alema Fitiseumanu, OLB, 6-1/240, Sr.; Shad Hansen, ILB, 6-1/240, Soph.; Pete Harston, T, 6-6/265, Sr.; *Rich Kaufusi, E, 6-4/265, Sr.; Jared Leavitt, OLB, 6-4/237, Jr.; *Brian Mitchell, CB, 5-10/165, Sr.; Mark Smith, NG, 6-1/260, Sr.

Other key players: Scott Brumfield, T, Jr. (JC); Stacey Corley, HB, Sr.; Scott Giles, LB, Jr. (JC); Derwin Gray, S, Soph.; Mike Hogan, LB, Soph.; Brad Hunter, DT, Soph.; Mike Jenkins, OG, 6-8/370, Jr. (RS); Karl Kauffman, K/P, Jr.; Matt Odle, SE, Sr.; Dave Porter, LB, Jr.

Schedule: At Texas-El Paso, Sept. 1; Miami (Fla.), Sept. 8; Washington State, Sept. 15; at Oregon, Sept. 29; Colorado State, Oct. 13; San Diego State, Oct. 20; New Mexico, Oct. 27; at Air Force, Nov. 3; at Wyoming, Nov. 10; at Utah, Nov. 17; Utah State, Nov. 24; at Hawaii, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Cougars.

Site: Provo, Utah.

What do Virgil Carter, Gary Sheide, Gifford Nielsen, Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Robbie Bosco all have in common? That's easy. They all were record-setting quarterbacks out of that football factory located in Provo, Utah. That Magnificent Seven combined to pass for 48,788 yards and 417 touchdowns during their illustrious careers at Brigham Young.

But with all due respect, their numbers might soon be overshadowed by BYU's current "quarterback of the future." Junior Ty Detmer already has thrown for 5,812 yards and 45 touchdowns in two seasons and coaches around the country are singing his praises.

"Detmer's certainly as good as I've seen," said Colorado State's Bruce.

Detmer, one of the leading 1990 Heisman candidates, vaulted into the national spotlight last season with a 4,560-yard passing performance that produced 32 touchdowns and the top Division I-A ranking in passing efficiency. Under his guidance, the Cougars rolled to a 9-2 regular-season record and the WAC championship before bowing to Penn State, 50-39, in the Holiday Bowl.

With Detmer as the trigger man, look for more big numbers from the high-powered Cougars, who paced the conference last season in passing (394.3 yards per game), total offense (540.4) and scoring (40.3 points). Edwards has plenty of talent surrounding his young star.

Tight end Chris Smith, running back Matt Bellini and wide receiver Andy Boyce combined to catch 142 Detmer passes for 2,502 yards and 13 touchdowns. All return.

The Cougars also return four blockers on a line that can aptly be described as huge. Center Robert Stephens, the little man at 6-foot-3, 265 pounds, will be joined by tackles Neal Fort (6-6, 295) and Mike Keim (6-8, 290) and guard Bryan May (6-7,

290). Jim Balmforth (6-4, 270) should fill the other guard slot with massive junior college transfer Scott Brumfield (6-9, 325) looking for playing time at tackle.

On those rare occasions when BYU chooses to travel on the ground, look for either Bellini or fullback Peter Tuipulotu.

Edwards' biggest concern will be a defense that surrendered 404.6 yards per game, 266.9 in the air. Only five starters return, but three are in the secondary.

Cornerback Brian Mitchell, who intercepted five passes last season, is the leader of the unit that also includes safety Norman Dixon and corner Tony Crutchfield.

The rest of the defense will have to be rebuilt. End Rich Kaufusi provides a foundation on the line and Rocky Biegel provides experience at linebacker.

Another area of concern is the kicking game, which loses top field-goal man Jason Chaffetz. Punter Earl Kauffman, who averaged 42 yards per kick last year, will be asked to take over Chaffetz's place-kicking duties.

WYOMING

Coach: Paul Roach (26-11, 3 years).

1989 record: 5-6. WAC: 5-3/4th.

Key losses: Dabby Dawson, HB; George Dozier, S; Ted Gilmore, WR; Darryl Harris, S; Vaughn Henderson, LB; DeWaine Jones, FB; Craig Schlichting, DT; Steve Slay, OT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Greg Brown, WR, 6-0/195, Soph.; *Tom Corontzos, QB, 6-2/190, Jr.; *Dan Cudworth, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Jay Daffer, HB, 6-0/200, Sr.; *Tyrone Fittje, G, 6-5/270, Sr.; Mitch Rosebrough, T, 6-5/280, Jr.; *Jim Scifres, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; *Quentin Skinner, C, 6-2/250, Jr.; Mark Timmer, FB, 5-10/215, Sr.; *Shawn Wiggins, WR, 5-10/165, Sr.; *Gordy Wood, TE, 6-3/220, Sr. **Defense:** *Mitch Donahue, E, 6-3/260, Sr.; Dorell Drake, T, 6-4/250, Soph.; Pete Gosar, OLB, 6-2/215, Sr.; Efrem Haymore, CB, 5-8/160, Fr.; *Steve Mann, CB, 5-11/170, Jr.; *Robert Midgett, MLB, 6-3/235, Sr.; Bryan Mooney, S, 6-1/193, Sr.; *Doug Rigby, E, 6-5/260, Jr.; *Paul Wallace, S, 6-1/193, Soph.; *Thomas Williams, T, 6-4/275, Soph.; *Willie Wright, OLB, 6-4/235, Sr.

Other key players: Steve Addison, LB, Sr.; Derek Baker, FB, Fr.; Steve Clooten, DT, Fr. (RS); Dwight Driver, RB, Jr. (JC); Sean Fleming, K/P, Jr.; Amaicure Harris, HB, Jr. (JC); Jarrod Heidemann, DE, Fr.; Cody Kelly, OT, Fr.; Tom Kramer, LB, Soph.; Greg Peters, DE, Soph.; Robert Rivers, WR, Jr.; Joe Wahlgren, OT, Soph.

Schedule: Temple, Sept. 1; at Washington State, Sept. 8; Air Force, Sept. 22; at Utah, Sept. 29; San Diego State, Oct. 6; New Mexico, Oct. 13; Weber State, Oct. 20; at Texas-El Paso, Oct. 27; at Colorado State, Nov. 3; Brigham Young, Nov. 10; at Hawaii, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Cowboys.

Site: Laramie, Wyo.

After recording back-to-back WAC championships, 16 consecutive league victories and consecutive Holiday Bowl appearances in 1987 and '88, Wyoming took a tumble last season. Roach's Cowboys dropped to 5-6 overall and 5-3 in the WAC, good for only a fourth-place finish.

Inexperience at the all-important quarterback and offensive line positions was just too much to overcome. Cowboy quarterback Tom Corontzos threw for 2,005 yards and completed 54.6 percent of his passes, but he also threw 12 interceptions

and was generally inconsistent.

A lot of that could be traced to an offensive line that surrendered 48 sacks for 351 yards in losses. But Corontzos and that offensive line, which returns four starters, is a year older and wiser.

Corontzos has added 15 pounds and enjoyed an outstanding spring. So, too, did returning linemen Quentin Skinner (center), Tyrone Fittje (guard), Jim Scifres (guard), Dan Cudworth (tackle) and Mitch Rosebrough (tackle).

"Tom is bigger, stronger and has more confidence, especially with his decision making," Roach said.

Another offensive plus will be a talented receiving corps featuring tight end Gordy Wood and wideouts Shawn Wiggins, Greg Brown and Robert Rivers, a redshirt junior.

Wyoming's biggest question mark will be at running back. Dabby Dawson, who recorded consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons in 1988 and '89, is gone, as are the Cowboys' other three top runners. Roach likely will ask untested veterans Jay Daffer and Mark Timmer to carry most of the load, although junior college transfer Amaicure Harris is being billed as one of the fastest backs in Wyoming history.

The Cowboys were solid defensively in 1989, although they did have a tendency to give up big plays in key situations. Seven starters return from the unit that finished fourth in the conference.

The defensive leader, of course, is Donahue, who ranks as one of the top defensive linemen in the West. Donahue, along with veteran end Doug Rigby and young tackles Thomas Williams and Dorell Drake, gives Wyoming one of the better front walls in the league.

Willie Wright and Robert Midgett return to anchor the linebacking corps and cornerback Paul Wallace is the leader of a young secondary that needs to improve.



Quarterback Garrett Gabriel runs Hawaii's high-scoring "spread offense."

A major key could be place-kicker/punter Sean Fleming, who enjoyed an outstanding year as a punter but showed inconsistency as a kicker.

HAWAII

Coach: Bob Wagner (23-13-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 9-3-1 (lost to Michigan State in Aloha Bowl). WAC: 5-2-1/3rd.

Key losses: Dan Ahuna, SB; Augie Apelu, DT; Walter Briggs, S; Michael Coulson, CB; Dana Directo, NG; Leo Goes, OT; Larry Jones, OG; Leonard Lau, WR; Chris Roscoe, WR; David Stant, DT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Shawn Alivado, C, 6-0/242, Jr.; Darrick Branch, WR, 5-11/195, Soph.; *Jamal Farmer, FB, 5-10/222, Soph.; *Garrett Gabriel, QB, 6-2/199, Sr.; Mitchell Kaaiiali, T, 6-3/248, Jr.; Larry Kahn-Smith, WR, 5-10/185, Sr.; *Dane McArthur, SB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Sean Robinson, T, 6-4/257, Sr.; Tavita Sagapolu, G, 5-11/273, Sr.; *Allen Smith, G, 6-2/235, Sr.; Jeff Sydner, SB, 5-9/168, Soph. **Defense:** Bryan Addison, S, 6-0/195, Soph.; *Joaquin Barnett, ILB, 6-2/232, Sr.; Akili Calhoun, NT, 6-4/255, Jr.; Kenneth Harper, CB, 5-9/167, Jr.; *Delmar Johnson, T, 5-9/232, Sr.; *David Maeva, ILB, 6-0/206, Sr.; *Kim McCloud, CB, 5-11/178, Sr.; *Mark Odum, OLB, 5-11/225, Sr.; Herman Talley, OLB, 6-4/227, Sr.; David Tanuvasa, T, 6-0/267, Sr. (RS); Mike Tresler, S, 5-9/180, Sr.

Other key players: Tasi Autele, S, Fr. (RS); Amani Davis, SB, Jr.; Jason Elam, K/P, Jr.; Jeff Newman, SB, Jr.; Louis Randall, LB, Soph.; Richard Stevenson, RB, Jr.; Peter Viliamu, OG, Fr. (RS); Manly Williams, Jr.

Schedule: Texas A&M, Sept. 1; at Air Force, Sept. 8; at Utah, Sept. 22; Maine, Oct. 6; at Texas-El Paso, Oct. 13; Cal State Fullerton, Oct. 20; Pacific, Oct. 27; New Mexico, Nov. 3; at San Diego State, Nov. 10; Wyoming, Nov. 17; Colorado State, Nov. 24; Brigham Young, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Rainbow Warriors.

Site: Honolulu.

Defense has always been Hawaii's forte, but now the Rainbow Warriors can score points, too. Using fourth-year Coach Bob Wagner's "spread offense," a variation of Houston's run-and-shoot attack, Hawaii has posted an 18-6-1 record over the last two seasons, and the Rainbows raised more than a few eyebrows last year when they blasted eventual WAC champion BYU, 56-14. Hawaii went on to accept its first-ever major bowl bid, meeting Michigan State in the Aloha Bowl.

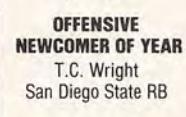
With six offensive starters and a nice defensive core returning from last year's 9-3-1 team, the Rainbows should be primed for a WAC title challenge.

"We've got a good nucleus returning on both offense and defense," Wagner said. "We also have a lot of our specialists coming back. I think we've got a solid foundation to build on and a strong tradition to move from."

Among the returnees is senior quarterback Garrett Gabriel. Although Gabriel doesn't get the publicity of some of the other quarterbacks around the league, he finished second only to Detmer in passing efficiency while setting 15 school passing records.

Other key offensive returnees are fullback Jamal Farmer, who set an NCAA record by rushing for 18 touchdowns as a freshman, and talented slotbacks Jeff Sydner and Dane McArthur. Farmer

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**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Ty Detmer
Brigham Young QB**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Mitch Donahue
Wyoming DE**OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**T.C. Wright
San Diego State RB**DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Lou Foster
San Diego State LB**TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-WESTERN ATHLETIC TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	REGGIE BARRETT, Texas-El Paso	6-4/200	Sr.
WR	ERIC MORGAN, New Mexico	6-1/180	Sr.
TE	CHRIS SMITH, Brigham Young	6-4/230	Sr.
T	NEAL FORT, Brigham Young	6-6/295	Sr.
T	MIKE MURRY, Utah	6-4/256	Sr.
C	KURT JENSEN, New Mexico	6-3/270	Sr.
G	JOHN LAURITA, Colorado State	6-1/264	Sr.
G	ALLEN SMITH, Hawaii	6-2/235	Sr.
QB	TY DETMER, Brigham Young	6-0/175	Jr.
RB	TONY ALFORD, Colorado State	5-11/198	Sr.
RB	*MATT BELLINI, Brigham Young	6-0/205	Sr.
FB	JAMAL FARMER, Hawaii	5-10/222	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	ERIC SCHALLER, Colorado State	6-4/231	Sr.
DL	JOHN BELL, New Mexico	6-2/250	Sr.
DL	RICH KAUFUS, Brigham Young	6-4/265	Sr.
DL	MITCH DONAHUE, Wyoming	6-3/260	Sr.
DL	DOUG RIGBY, Wyoming	6-5/260	Jr.
ILB	DAVID MAEVA, Hawaii	6-0/206	Sr.
ILB	STEVE RULE, Colorado State	6-4/234	Sr.
OLB	HERMAN TALLEY, Hawaii	6-4/227	Sr.
OLB	WILLIE WRIGHT, Wyoming	6-4/235	Sr.
CB	TONY CRUTCHFIELD, Brigham Young	5-10/190	Jr.
CB	ERIC FAISON, Air Force	5-9/172	Sr.
S	SEAN KNOX, Utah	5-10/182	Sr.
S	MIKE TRESLER, Hawaii	5-9/180	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JASON ELAM, Hawaii	5-11/185	Jr.
P	SEAN FLEMING, Wyoming	6-3/180	Jr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	ANDY BOYCE, Brigham Young	6-0/185	Sr.
WR	*JEFF SYDNER, Hawaii	5-9/168	Soph.
WR	SHAWN WIGGINS, Wyoming	5-10/165	Sr.
TE	GORDY WOOD, Wyoming	6-3/220	Sr.
T	SCOTT DOERR, Colorado State	6-6/265	Sr.
T	TODD LINDNER, Colorado State	6-6/245	Sr.
C	PAUL WALSKI, Air Force	6-0/235	Sr.
G	TYRONE FITTJE, Wyoming	6-5/270	Sr.
G	STEVE SLATER, New Mexico	6-3/270	Jr.
QB	DAN McGWIRE, San Diego State	6-8/240	Sr.
FB	RODNEY LEWIS, Air Force	6-1/198	Sr.
FB	TODD YERT, Colorado State	6-1/223	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
NG	ERIC DUNCAN, San Diego State	6-0/255	Jr.
DL	ROBERT CHIRICO, Colorado State	6-3/260	Sr.
DL	LANE BEENE, Air Force	6-3/208	Sr.
DL	PIO SAGAPOLUTELE, San Diego State	6-5/280	Sr.
DL	THOMAS WILLIAMS, Wyoming	6-4/275	Soph.
ILB	ROCKY BIEGEL, Brigham Young	6-2/225	Jr.
ILB	NATE MORRIS, New Mexico	5-11/220	Sr.
OLB	MARK ODOM, Hawaii	5-11/225	Sr.
OLB	J.T. TOKISH, Air Force	6-2/215	Sr.
CB	BRIAN MITCHELL, Brigham Young	5-10/165	Sr.
CB	CLARK MOSES, San Diego State	5-10/185	Sr.
S	PAUL WALLACE, Wyoming	6-1/193	Soph.
S	MOREY PAUL, San Diego State	6-2/205	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JOE WOOD, Air Force	6-1/205	Jr.
P	TIM LUKE, Colorado State	5-11/180	Sr.

rushed for 986 yards as Hawaii's chief running threat in the triple option.

He will be operating behind a veteran offensive line that includes center Shawn Alivado, guard Allen Smith and tackle Sean Robinson.

The Rainbows led the conference in both scoring defense and total defense last season and should be able to produce similar results in 1990.

Wagner's squad is especially deep at linebacker, where such stars as David Maeva, Herman Talley, Mark Odom and Joaquin Barnett roam.

Safety Mike Tresler and corner Kim McCloud form a strong nucleus in the secondary, but 5-9 tackle Delmar Johnson is the lone returnee on the front wall.

Kicker Jason Elam, who has connected on 39 of 46 field-goal attempts in two seasons, gives Wagner an additional offensive weapon, as do talented kick-return specialists Sydner and Larry Khan-Smith.

COLORADO STATE

Coach: Earle Bruce (5-5-1, 1 year; 137-71-2 overall, 18 years).

1989 record: 5-5-1. WAC: 4-3/T5th.

Key losses: Lance Ane, LB; Gregg Scott, TE; Gary Thompson, LB; Sean Willis, WR; Dan Wilson, DB.

Projected starting lineup: **Offense:** *Tony Alford, FB, 5-11/198, Sr.; Jason Basso, T, 6-6/283, Soph.; Tony Branch, FL, 5-9/170, Sr.; *Scott Doerr, T, 6-6/265, Sr.; *Mike Gimenez, QB, 6-2/205, Sr.; *John Laurita, G, 6-1/264, Sr.; *Doug Lindner, TE, 6-5/247, Sr. (switched from T); *Mike Padilla, C, 6-0/244, Jr.; *Greg Primus, WR, 5-11/172, Soph.; *Adam Whitmer, G, 6-3/242, Jr.; *Todd Yert, FB,

6-1/223, Sr. **Defense:** *Andy Byrne, S, 6-2/193, Sr.; *Harlan Carroll, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.; *Robert Chirico, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; *Paul Hanks, T, 6-5/237, Sr.; *Craig Jersild, S, 5-10/175, Sr.; *Selwyn Jones, CB, 6-0/181, Jr.; *Ron Martin, OLB, 6-6/245, Sr.; *Steve Rule, OLB, 6-4/234, Sr.; *Eric Schaller, NG, 6-4/231, Sr.; Eric Tippeconnic, ILB, 6-1/226, Sr.; Monty Wherry, ILB, 6-4/200, Soph.

Other key players: Jon Boyd, LB, Jr. (RS); Mike Brown, K, Jr.; Tony Carr, HB, Jr.; Billy Gonzales, FL, Soph.; Mark Holmes, SE, Jr.; Doug Hutchins, OG, Soph.; Kareem Ingram, LB, Fr.; Tim Luke, P, Sr.; Kevin Lynch, LB, Soph.; James Mestek, S, Jr.; Kenya Ragsdale, LB, Fr.; Garo Sirinian, TE, Jr. (JC); Vincent Tate, CB, Fr. (RS); Kevin Verdugo, QB, Jr.

Schedule: At Air Force, Sept. 1; Montana State, Sept. 8; at Arizona State, Sept. 15; Texas-El Paso, Sept. 22; at Arkansas, Sept. 29; Utah, Oct. 6; at Brigham Young, Oct. 13; New Mexico, Oct. 20; Wyoming, Nov. 3; Tulsa, Nov. 10; at Louisiana Tech, Nov. 17; at Hawaii, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Rams.

Site: Fort Collins, Colo.

Bruce, who had rebuilt football programs at Tampa, Iowa State and Ohio State, is now performing his magic at Colorado State. The football fans in Fort Collins are understandably excited.

Last season, his first at Colorado State, the Rams finished 5-5-1, a vast improvement over their 1-10 record in 1988. And now Bruce has 17 starters and a roster full of lettermen returning to challenge for a WAC championship. Among the returning starters are 11 seniors, five juniors and a sophomore.

"It may appear as if we have a lot of upperclassmen, but we are basically still a young team," said Bruce, whose no-nonsense approach is based on hard work,

discipline and fundamentals.

Defense was the Rams' strength last year when they held six of 11 opponents to 20 points or less.

Returning from that defense are eight starters, including a talented front wall of noseguard Eric Schaller and tackles Robert Chirico and Paul Hanks. Also back are a pair of tough linebackers in Ron Martin and Steve Rule and three-fourths of the secondary in corners Selwyn Jones and Harlan Carroll and safety Craig Jersild.

Offensively, the Rams showed excellent balance last year, rushing for 2,540 yards and passing for 1,788. And they return an excellent nucleus of talent in guard John Laurita, fullback Todd Yert and running back Tony Alford, who rushed for 1,034 yards in 1989.

Tackle Doug Lindner has been switched to tight end to replace Gregg Scott, but the line is otherwise well fortified with guards Laurita and Adam Whitmer, tackle Scott Doerr and center Mike Padilla.

The quarterback job remains unsettled, but that's not necessarily bad. Kevin Verdugo was the starter last year until a shoulder injury sent him to the sideline. Mike Gimenez took over and completed 54.2 percent of his passes while throwing for 1,223 yards.

Bruce, who will have to find a wide receiver to replace Sean Willis, will enjoy the luxury of a solid kicking game in the persons of All-WAC punter Tim Luke and place-kicker Mike Brown, who hit on 14 of 19 field-goal attempts.

AIR FORCE

Coach: Fisher DeBerry (48-24-1, 6 years).

1989 record: 8-4-1 (lost to Mississippi in Liberty Bowl). WAC: 5-1-1/2nd.

Key losses: Kevin Bell, OG; Terry Carr, OT; Dee Dowis, QB; Randle Gladney, LB; Scott Hollister, OT; Greg Johnson, HB; Mike Juries, S; Tom Kafka, DT; Bob Lietzke, CB; Mario Mathis, S; Pat McNelis, NG; Eric Olson, P; Steve Senn, WR; Trent Van Hulzen, TE; Terry Walker, LB; Steven Wilson, G.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Greg Burger, G, 6-2/240, Sr.; Jeff Davies, G, 6-3/255, Sr.; Ron Gray, QB, 5-10/170, Jr.; *Chris Howard, HB, 5-11/185, Sr.; *Rodney Lewis, FB, 6-1/198, Sr.; Mike Lehnhardt, T, 5-11/230, Sr.; David Mott, TE, 6-3/218, Jr.; *Paul Walski, C, 6-0/235, Sr.; Darryl Woods, WR, 5-11/175, Sr.; David T. Young, T, 6-1/225, Jr.; Dan Zdroik, RB, 5-10/180, Sr. (switched from WR). **Defense:** Alexandre Armour, S, 6-3/205, Soph.; Chris Baker, T, 6-3/235, Soph.; *Lane Beene, T, 6-3/208, Sr.; Steve Brennan, NG, 6-1/221, Sr.; *Eric Faison, CB, 5-9/172, Sr.; *Brian Hill, ILB, 5-11/194, Sr.; Clifton Lovelace, OLB, 6-4/205, Sr.; Carlton McDonald, CB, 6-0/185, Soph.; Vergil Simpson, ILB, 6-1/209, Soph.; *J.T. Tokish, OLB, 6-2/215, Sr.; Shannon Yates, S, 6-0/194, Jr.

Other key players: Jarvis Baker, QB, Soph. (JV); Jason Bowers, LB, Soph.; DeShawn Durham, HB, Jr.; Eldrick Hill, S, Soph.; Chris James, DT, Soph.; Jason Jones, RB, Jr.; Lee Jones, WR, Sr.; Steed Lobitz, OT, Jr.; Tom Maurer, OT, Jr. (switched from DT); Bobby Thomas, CB, Jr.; Joe Wood, K, Jr.; Doug Young, LB, Sr.

Schedule: Colorado State, Sept. 1; Hawaii, Sept. 8; The Citadel, Sept. 15; at Wyoming, Sept. 22; at San Diego, Sept. 29; Navy, Oct. 6; at Notre Dame, Oct. 13; Utah, Oct. 27; Brigham Young, Nov. 3; at Army, Nov. 10; at Texas-El Paso, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Falcons.

Site: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Is there life after Dee Dowis? That's the question veteran Falcons Coach Fisher DeBerry must answer in 1990.

Dowis, the wishbone master and a living legend in his three years as a starter for Air Force, ended his career as a holder of six NCAA records, including most career rushing yards for a quarterback (3,612) and best one-season total (1,315). He also set 21 Air Force records while directing an offense that finished third last season on the I-A rushing charts by averaging 356 yards per game.

The heir apparent to Dowis is junior Ron Gray, a speedster who worked last season as a running back and kick return specialist. Gray had entered the academy as a quarterback and remained at that position through his freshman year. But DeBerry and his staff moved him to running back last year to utilize his speed.

The loss of Dowis is not the only problem facing Air Force. Also gone are seven other offensive starters as well as seven from the defensive side.

"We lost 15 starters, so we have a lot of vacancy signs out," DeBerry said. "There's no substitute for experience. I like the attitude of this team, but I just wish we would have had 40 spring practices instead of 20."

Among the top offensive returnees are center Paul Walski, halfback Chris Howard and fullback Rodney Lewis, who rushed for 1,073 yards last season. Returning on the defensive side are cornerback Eric Faison, tackle Lane Beene and linebackers Brian Hill and J.T. Tokish.



Noseguard Robert Chirico heads Colorado State's talented defensive line.

So, in addition to filling Dowis' shoes, DeBerry and his staff also are faced with the prospect of rebuilding both lines.

One plus will be the return of kicker Joe Wood, who hit 48 of 50 extra-point tries and 10 of 13 field-goal attempts last year.

SAN DIEGO STATE

Coach: Al Luginbill (6-5-1, 1 year).

1989 record: 6-5-1. WAC: 4-3/T5th.

Key losses: Damon Baldwin, OG; Robert Claiborne, WR; Todd Coomes, DE; Kevin Drayton, CB; Roman Fortin, OT; Monty Gilbreath, WR; Ron Slack, RB; John Wesselman, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Dennis Arey, WR, 5-11/185, Sr.; Jim Jennings, G, 6-4/270, Jr.; Tommy Booker, RB, 6-0/200, Jr. (RS/medical and personal); *Dan McGwire, QB, 6-8/240, Sr.; Bonner Montier, C, 6-2/250, Soph.; *Tony Nichols, T, 6-5/275, Soph.; *Jimmy Raye, WR, 5-8/155, Sr.; Patrick Rowe, WR, 6-2/195, Jr. (RS); *Ray Rowe, TE, 6-3/240, Jr.; *Derek Sang, G, 6-5/270, Jr.; *Nick Subis, C, 6-6/285, Sr. (missed spring/broken foot; listed as OT but will likely switch back to C in fall). **Defense:** Andy Covielo, OLB, 6-0/215, Jr. (JC); *Eric Duncan, NT, 6-0/255, Jr.; *Tracey Mao, OLB, 6-2/230, Jr.; *Clark Moses, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; *Sai Niu, LB, 5-11/215, Sr.; *Morey Paul, S, 6-2/205, Sr.; *Pio Sagapoluatele, E, 6-5/280, Jason Swaney, E, 6-4/245, Sr.; Gary Taylor, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; Johnny Walker, S, 6-2/200, Jr.; Derrick Williams, ILB, 6-2/215, Jr.

Other key players: Curtis Butts, RB, Jr.; Jamal Duff, LB, Fr.; Garrett Ford, TE, Fr. (RS); Lou Foster, LB, Jr. (JC); Robert Griffith, S, Soph. (RS/broken arm); Merten Harris, WR, Jr.; Haywood Mathis, LB, Soph.; Jason Savorn, P, Fr.; Ramondo Stallings, NT, Fr. (RS); Eric Thompson, LB, Soph.; Andy Trakas, K, 5-8/180, Soph.; T.C. Wright, RB, Jr. (JC).

Schedule: At Oregon, Sept. 8; Long Beach State, Sept. 15; Air Force, Sept. 29; at Wyoming, Oct. 6; at UCLA, Oct. 13; at Brigham Young, Oct. 20; Utah, Nov. 3; Hawaii, Nov. 10; at New Mexico, Nov. 17; Texas-El Paso, Nov. 24; Miami, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Aztecs.

Site: San Diego.

When Al Luginbill was named Aztecs coach before the 1989 season, he made a promise. He guaranteed that his team would play with intensity on every down, be disciplined in its style and never quit. The Aztecs embraced that philosophy and responded with a 6-5-1 season.

"I feel we accomplished our goal of regaining credibility as a football team in being competitive and playing hard," Luginbill said.

That hasn't always been the case at San Diego State—a school that usually has its share of talent. Under Luginbill, the Aztecs struck a good balance between the pass and the run, averaging 467.5 yards and 30.7 points per game. And like most of the other WAC teams, they return a top-notch quarterback and plenty of offensive firepower.

Dan McGwire, a strong-armed 6-8, 240-pounder, passed for 3,651 yards and 16 touchdowns last season. He loses his top two receivers, but tight end Ray Rowe and wide men Jimmy Raye, Dennis Arey and redshirt junior Patrick Rowe have plenty of talent.

So do running backs Curtis Butts and redshirt junior Tommy Booker, who should carry most of the rushing load. Luginbill also is high on junior college transfer T.C. Wright.

The biggest offensive concern is a lack of experience on the line. Center Nick Subis returns along with guard Derek Sang and tackle Tony Nichols, but depth could be a problem.

The Aztecs also should make defensive strides with the return of seven starters. They are well fortified on the front wall with Pio Sagapoluatele, Eric Duncan and Tracey Mao, a converted linebacker, ready for duty.

There's also experience in the secondary, where safety Morey Paul and cornerback Clark Moses roam. Luginbill will have to find replacements in the linebacking corps to join holdover Sai Niu.

TEXAS-EL PASO

Coach: David Lee (2-10, 1 year).

1989 record: 2-10. WAC: 1-7/8th.

Key losses: Steve Casper, OG; Vernon Cooks, DB; Greg Evans, FB; Phil Gabbard, OG; Marvin Hill, TE; Raymond Hill, DT; Doug Morgan, LB; Ross Purity, DT; Troy Refett, DB; Ken Sale, LB; Clarence Seay, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Reggie Barrett, WR, 6-4/200, Sr.; *Howard Gasser, QB, 6-3/216, Sr.; Jeff Grimes, T, 6-6/271, Sr.; *Rick Lopez, WR, 5-7/135, Sr.; Marlin McBride, TE, 6-2/220, Jr.; *Scooter Menifee, FB, 5-10/180, Sr. (switched from TB); Darryl Moore, G, 6-3/293, Jr.; Rob Sesich, C, 6-3/295, Jr.; Larry Sims, TB, 5-10/163, Soph.; *Andy Stanton, T, 6-3/268, Soph.; Larry Teel, G, 6-5/280, Sr. **Defense:** Greg Armstrong, NG, 6-2/251, Jr.; Pat Cannon, S, 6-1/200, Soph.; *Lorenzo Costantini, T, 6-1/261, Sr. (switched from NG); Derek Hewitt, CB, 5-11/185, Soph.; Nathan Hollins, E, 6-4/240, Jr. (transfer/Lamar); Falaniko Iakopo, T, 6-3/245, Sr.; *Emilio Pittman, S, 6-0/186, Sr.; Joe Senna, ILB, 6-0/210, Soph.; *Mike Stubblefield, OLB, 6-1/216, Jr.; *O.T. Thomas, CB, 5-11/160, Jr.; Barron Wortham, OLB, 6-4/230, Fr. (RS).

Other key players: Donovan Anderson, OG, Fr.

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(RS); *Dennis Austin, LB, Soph.; Lance Brownlee, P, Sr.; Dominic Cefalone, K, Sr.; Anthony Hooks, S, Soph.; Ansel Littlejohn, WR, Jr. (JC); Lee Miller, FB, Jr.; Keith Powe, DT, Sr. (transfer/Lamar); Pete Shufelt, LB, Soph.; Derrick Talton, DT, Soph.; Steve Thompson, LB, Fr.

Schedule: Brigham Young, Sept. 1; New Mexico State, Sept. 8; at Tennessee, Sept. 15; at Colorado State, Sept. 22; Sam Houston State, Sept. 29; at New Mexico, Oct. 6; Hawaii, Oct. 13; at Utah, Oct. 20; Wyoming, Oct. 27; Air Force, Nov. 17; at San Diego State, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Miners.
Site: El Paso, Tex.

UTEP Coach David Lee's first trip around the conference was not pleasant, ending with a 2-10 overall record and only one league victory—a 26-7 decision against last-place New Mexico. The biggest problem was a defense that allowed 480.1 yards and 34.3 points per game.

So Lee went out and hired Charlie Bailey as his new defensive coordinator and now promises a new look in 1990.

"This year we will be very multiple defensively," Lee said. "We might line up in an even front on one play and an odd front on the next snap. I would like to develop enough depth in our defensive line to play two units during a game."

UTEP does have some defensive expe-

rience in tackles Lorenzo Costantini and Falaniko Iakopo, linebackers Mike Stubblefield, Pete Shufelt and Joe Senna and defensive backs O.T. Thomas and Emilio Pittman. But help must come from some newcomers, such as Lamar transfers Keith Powe (tackle) and Nathan Hollins (end).

The offensive key will be how well UTEP's line can protect quarterback Howard Gasser. Center Rob Sesich and tackles Jeff Grimes and Andy Stanton return, but they were part of a unit that gave up 61 sacks for 363 yards in losses.

Despite missing UTEP's last game and the constant harassment from fierce opposing pass rushes, Gasser still managed to complete 52.7 percent of his passes for 2,586 yards and 16 touchdowns last season.

Gasser has one of the WAC's top receivers in Reggie Barrett, but the Miners will have to improve a running game that averaged only 2.8 yards per carry in 1989.

UTAH

Coach: Ron McBride (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 4-8. WAC: 2-6/7th.

Key losses: Joe Clausi, DE; Todd Eldredge, OG;

Garland Harris, LB; Scott Mitchell, QB; Brent O'Brien, DE; Jeff Parson, OG; Steve Sigloch, FB; Dennis Smith, TE; Grayland Williams, OT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Randy Aldridge, G, 6-3/255, Soph. (moved from DL); John Anderson, C, 6-3/254, Sr.; Mike Anglesey, TE, 6-3/219, Sr.; Mike DeHoog, T, 6-5/265, Soph.; Darrel Hicks, WR, 5-11/148, Sr.; James McKenna, G, 6-2/258, Sr. (switched from DT); Mike Murry, T, 6-4/256, Sr.; Mike Richmond, QB, 6-0/193, Jr.; Clifton Smith, RB, 6-0/216, Sr.; Sean Williams, SE, 5-11/165, Soph.; Dean Witkin, FB, 6-1/225, Sr. (switched from TE). Defense: Bob Bonifacio, S, 6-2/185, Sr.; Dave Chaytors, T, 6-2/250, Soph.; Anthony Davis, LB, 6-1/222, Jr.; LaVon Edwards, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Sean Knox, S, 5-10/182, Sr.; Mike Lewis, T, 6-6/250, Soph.; Howard Reeve, ILB, 6-2/215, Sr.; Greg Reynolds, NG, 6-2/258, Jr. (switched from DT); Mark Swanson, CB, 5-9/180, Fr. (RS); Pita Tonga, OLB, 5-10/201, Jr.; Mark Waleko, OLB, 6-4/230, Soph.

Other key players: Steve Abrams, RB, Soph.; Frank Bonifacio, LB, Sr.; Frank Dolce, QB, Jr. (JC); Sean Hutson, WR, Jr. (JC); Wayne Lammle, K/P, Sr.; Derrick Odum, CB, Soph.; Bryan Rowley, WR, Soph.; Sharrieff Shah, S, Fr. (RS); Pete Tuia-sosopo, NG, Jr. (JC); Jason Woods, QB, Soph. (transfer/Lamar).

Schedule: At Utah State, Sept. 1; at Minnesota, Sept. 8; Fresno State, Sept. 15; Hawaii, Sept. 22; Wyoming, Sept. 29; at Colorado State, Oct. 6; Texas-El Paso, Oct. 20; at Air Force, Oct. 27; at San Diego State, Nov. 3; at New Mexico, Nov. 10; Brigham Young, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Utes.

Site: Salt Lake City.

Quarterback Scott Mitchell is gone, but Ron McBride has returned. McBride, the conference's only new coach in 1990 and the successor to Jim Fassel, is not really all that new. He is returning to Utah for the third time, which says plenty about his feeling for the school.

"If I had my choice of any job in the country, Utah would be my choice," said McBride, a two-time Ute assistant. "It's my home and my school."

McBride's first priority in piecing the 4-8 Utes back together will be defense. Utah finished last in the nation in 1989 (allowing 534.3 yards per game) and the new coach made it clear to his seven returning starters that no job is secure.

The Utes' best defensive player is safety Sean Knox, but McBride hopes to get mileage out of such veterans as cornerback LaVon Edwards, noseguard Greg Reynolds and linebacker Howard Reeve.

The offense is a little more settled, although McBride must find a replacement for Mitchell and plug some holes on an offensive line that returns only two starters—tackle Mike Murry and center John Anderson.

Junior Mike Richmond appeared to be the front-runner at quarterback entering the spring, but a shoulder injury sent him to the sideline and opened the door for junior college transfer Frank Dolce and Lamar transfer Jason Woods. Dolce passed for 3,772 yards and 33 touchdowns in two years at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif.

The Utes have quality receivers in tight end Mike Anglesey and wideouts Sean Williams, Bryan Rowley and Darrel Hicks. Clifton Smith and Steve Abrams return to handle most of the ballcarrying chores.

Wayne Lammle, who averaged 40.2

The Depth Chart

Filling Mathis' shoes will take a committee

On a wall in the New Mexico sports information office hangs a three-foot-high picture of Terance Mathis. It shows the former Lobo split end pointing his index finger skyward shortly after hauling in his record-breaking 263rd career reception in a 1989 game against Fresno State.

One of the admirers of the Mathis picture is Eric Morgan, a 6-foot-1, 178-pound senior flanker for the Lobos. "That's going to be me this year," he said.

Morgan is the heir apparent to Mathis' position as the Lobos' featured receiver. Morgan had a fine '89 campaign in his own right, starting 10 games and hauling in 56 passes for 763 yards in his first season after transferring from a junior college, but the star of the show was Mathis. Mathis caught 88 passes for 1,315 yards and 13 touchdowns and returned three kickoffs for scores en route to consensus All-America honors. He finished his Lobo career as the most prolific receiver in NCAA Division I-A history with 263 catches for 4,254 yards.

"I don't think you ever replace a guy like Terance Mathis," New Mexico Coach Mike Sheppard said. "We'll try to fill his shoes by committee. We'll design our offense this year to get more people involved. There will be more plays for more guys."

The main guy will be Morgan, an honorable mention pick on the 1989



Eric Morgan

All-Western Athletic Conference team. Sheppard also will make sure that senior Mike Henderson, a part-time starter who had 37 catches for 546 yards a year ago, will get plenty of opportunities. Sophomore Kano Brown, however, is a question mark after being suspended for disciplinary reasons in the spring. Brown contributed 28 receptions for 399 yards last fall.

Sheppard's plans also include Calvin Schenckayder, a transfer from Fresno (Calif.) City College. He caught 47 passes for 900 yards and 10 TDs last year and earned second-team junior college All-America honors.

—BOB HAMMOND

yards per punt and connected on 16 of 22 field-goal attempts, is a valuable offensive weapon.

NEW MEXICO

Coach: Mike Sheppard (4-31, 3 years; 20-49 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 2-10. WAC: 0-7/9th.

Key losses: Guy Collura, OG; Lamont Hall, OT; Darius Harris, CB; Brett Heber, S; Terance Mathis, WR; Dave Warner, NT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Lowell Hall, G, 6-2/250, Sr.; *Mike Henderson, FL, 6-1/175, Sr.; Karnell Hollins, SE, 6-0/183, Jr.; *Kurt Jensen, C, 6-3/270, Sr.; *Jeremy Leach, QB, 6-2/215, Jr.; *Mark Moores, T, 6-5/280, Jr.; *Eric Morgan, WR, 6-1/180, Sr.; *Steve Slater, G, 6-3/270, Jr.; Brad Sullivan, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; *Jerome Williams, TE, 6-4/220, Soph.; Andre Wooten, LB, 5-10/195, Sr. (RS). **Defense:** *John Bell, E, 6-2/250, Sr.; Curtis Crews, S, 5-9/170, Sr.; Fred Easter, CB, 5-8/175, Jr. (JC); *Mike Good, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; *Donald Livingston, CB, 5-10/190, Jr.; *Kim McCall, LB, 6-3/230, Jr.; *Nate Morris, LB, 5-11/220, Sr.; Ron Shipley, NT, 6-3/255, Sr. (RS); Hany Sukkary, E, 6-3/261, Jr.; *Jon Thompson, S, 6-3/215, Sr.; *Steve Vaipulu, LB, 5-11/215, Sr.

Other key players: Todd Avua'a, LB, Soph.; Derek Coffman, RB, Jr.; Monte Cuba, NT, Sr., Lamon Everett, CB, Sr.; Karl Logan, LB, Sr.; David Margolis, K, Soph.; Rob Nicholl, LB, Soph.; Mike Thomas, S, Sr.

Schedule: At New Mexico State, Sept. 1; at Fresno State, Sept. 8; Arizona, Sept. 15; Texas Tech, Sept. 22; at Kansas State, Sept. 29; Texas-El Paso, Oct. 6; at Wyoming, Oct. 13; at Colorado State, Oct. 20; at Brigham Young, Oct. 27; at Hawaii, Nov. 3; Utah, Nov. 10; San Diego State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Aggies.

Site: Albuquerque, N.M.

It has been a tough three-year rebuilding job for Lobos Coach Mike Sheppard, but it finally appears that better days lie ahead. The Lobos, 2-21 in Sheppard's first two seasons, finished 2-10 last year, although they lost several close games and showed improvement.

The biggest improvement came on the defensive side of the ball. Eight starters return from a unit that allowed 12 fewer points and 75 fewer yards per game than in 1988.

The heart of the defense is a linebacking corps that includes such performers as Nate Morris, Mike Good, Steve Vaipulu, Karl Logan and Rob Nicholl. Also back is end John Bell, who led the Lobos in sacks.

The key returnees in the secondary are cornerback Donald Livingston and free safety Jon Thompson.

Like most other WAC teams, New Mexico should have a top-notch passing game with the return of junior quarterback Jeremy Leach and a stable of outstanding receivers.

Leach already has passed for 5,559 yards and owns a passel of school records. He will have such inviting targets as Eric Morgan, Mike Henderson and junior college transfer Calvin Schexnayder.

The Lobos' running game, which finished last in the conference in 1989, should benefit from the return of Andre Wooten, the team's leading 1988 rusher who sat out last season for academic reasons.

Center Kurt Jensen, guard Steve Slater and tackles Mark Moores and Brad Sullivan return to anchor the offensive line. ■

SCOUTING THE WESTERN ATHLETIC

Make or break: Two of the biggest busts of the '80s were wide receiver Patrick Rowe and running back Tommy Booker of San Diego State. The two high school All-Americans were billed as the program's saviors when they arrived as freshmen in 1987, but injuries and other problems have limited their production. Both players were redshirted last season, Rowe with a knee injury, Booker with hamstring and personal problems. They are relatively healthy now, and expectations again are high. If they begin to reach the potential they showed three years ago, the Aztecs could be competitive in the WAC this season.

Top special-teams players: Brigham Young's Alema Fitiseamanu, Wyoming's Pete Gosar, Colorado State's James Mestek and San Diego State's Morey Paul.

Program of the '90s: Wyoming. Coach Paul Roach has revived a program that had been languishing in mediocrity. The Cowboys are particularly strong in the trenches, where well-drilled, dominating linemen seem to come off an assembly line. The defensive line annually rates among the country's best. Roach also has a knack for developing competent quarterbacks. The Cowboys are on the verge of teaming with Brigham Young to give the WAC a pair of Top 20 programs.

Best bets: BYU will upset Miami (Fla.) if the Cougars gain 100 or more yards rushing. Texas-El Paso and New Mexico will be home for the holidays. BYU's Ty Detmer will pass for 600-plus yards in a game this season. Ron Gray

will rewrite the Air Force record book if he remains at quarterback—and he may still return kicks, too.

Odds and ends: Brigham Young has 10 starters who are married and 23 married players overall. Twenty-five Cougars have served two-year Mormon missions.... Colorado State punter Tim Luke was considered one of that state's premier athletes as a high school senior, excelling in football, swimming, soccer, track and lacrosse until he suffered a neck injury. Last year he averaged 43.1 yards per punt, the eighth-best figure in Division I-A.... Utah's Ron McBride is the league's only new coach this season.

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the league's returning statistical leaders:

Rushing: Tony Alford, Colorado State, 94 yds.pg (157 att., 1,034 yds., 6 TDs, 6.6 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Ty Detmer, Brigham Young, 175.6 rating pts. (412 att., 265 comp., 32 TDs, 4,560 yds.).

Total offense: Ty Detmer, Brigham Young, 369.4 yds.pg (-127 yds. rushing, 4,560 yds. passing, 4,433 total yds.).

Receiving: Gordy Wood, Wyoming, 5.5 rec.pg (60 rec., 632 yds., 4 TDs, 10.5 avg.).

Scoring: Jamal Farmer, Hawaii, 10.5 pts.pg (19 TDs, 2 PATs, 0 FGs, 116 pts.).

Punting: Tim Luke, Colorado State, 43.1 avg. (51 punts, 2,199 yds.).

Punt returns: Jeff Synder, Hawaii, 15.4 avg. (19 att., 293 yds., 1 TD).

Kickoff returns: Ron Gray, Air Force, 27.2 avg. (21 att., 571 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Jason Elam, Hawaii, 1.67 FG.pg (20/22 FGs, 90.9%).

Interceptions: Selwyn Jones, Colorado State, .45 int.pg (5 int., 43 yds., 0 TDs); Andy Byrne, Colorado State, .45 int.pg (5 int., 27 yds., 1 TD).

—JOHN HADLEY



Wyoming's Paul Roach

Best offensive line:

Colorado State

Best offensive backfield:

Brigham Young

Best backfield receiver:

Matt Bellini, Brigham Young

Best wide receivers:

Brigham Young

Best clutch receiver:

Reggie Barrett, Texas-El Paso

Best defensive line:

Wyoming

Best-hitting DL:

Mitch Donahue, Wyoming

Best linebackers:

Hawaii

Best-hitting LB:

Rocky Biegel, Brigham Young

Best defensive backfield:

Brigham Young

Best-hitting DB:

Tony Crutchfield, Brigham Young

Best kicking game:

Wyoming

Best specialty units:

Hawaii

Best special-teams player:

Morey Paul, San Diego State

Best special-teams hitter:

Alema Fitiseamanu, Brigham Young

Best coaching staff:

Hawaii

Best coach:

Earle Bruce, Colorado State

Best offensive assistant:

Paul Johnson, Hawaii

Best defensive assistant:

Rich Ellerson, Hawaii

Best Heisman candidate:

Ty Detmer, QB, Brigham Young

Independent powers could rule the roost again

Blood-and-guts Notre Dame wants to throw the ball more often. Those high-tech Hurricanes from Miami are talking about getting more out of their running game. What's going on here? Has the world of the major independents gone topsy-turvy?

Not quite. There are some things that never seem to change. Like Joe Paterno returning for his 25th season at Penn State. Like Notre Dame having another Heisman Trophy candidate in Raghib (Rocket) Ismail. Like Miami cranking out yet another National Football League-prototype quarterback in Craig Erickson.

The view at the top should look the same, too, because Notre Dame, Miami and Florida State all figure prominently in the national-title picture. West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Syracuse won't be far behind. South Carolina and Penn State also will be looking to remain in the high-rent district and Louisville is looking for a breakthrough into the bowl picture.

The major independents ruled college football in the 1980s, winning six of the decade's national championships, including the last four in a row. Can they keep it up in the '90s? Don't bet against it. But

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. NOTRE DAME

No school has comparable talent, but none faces such a brutal schedule, either.

2. MIAMI (FLA.)

The combination of Erickson and Erickson guarantees continued success.

3. FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles are in a rebuilding stage. In 1990, that translates to just nine victories.

4. WEST VIRGINIA

Loaded at the skill positions, the Mountaineers are the nation's most underrated team.

5. PITTSBURGH

The Panthers should prosper under the new regime, though injuries could pose problems.

6. SYRACUSE

In workmanlike style, the Orangemen continue to produce winners and bowl bids.

7. SOUTH CAROLINA

In one year under Sparky Woods, the Gamecocks have shed their underachievers tag.

8. PENN STATE

The Nittany Lions are regressing to kitty cats. There are few big-play types on campus.

9. LOUISVILLE

The Cardinals are making steady improvement under Coach Howard Schnellenberger.

10. EAST CAROLINA

The Pirates are a good bet to emerge among the most improved programs in the '90s.

11. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

The Golden Eagles' hopes rest squarely on the shoulders of quarterback Brett Favre.

12. VIRGINIA TECH

The Hokies suffered significant losses and could slip deeper into the pack.

they'll have to do it this season without old standby performers like Tony Rice, Blair Thomas, Major Harris and Todd Ellis.

Say hello to rising stars like running back Curvin Richards and quarterback Alex Van Pelt, Pitt's talented backfield tandem. Say goodbye to Syracuse versus Penn State, a rivalry that will temporarily take a rest after this season.

NOTRE DAME

Coach: Lou Holtz (37-11, 4 years; 153-76-5 overall, 20 years).

1989 record: 12-1 (beat Colorado in Orange Bowl).

Key losses: Jeff Alm, DT; Ned Bolcar, LB; Mike Brennan, OT; Dean Brown, OT; Pat Eilers, SE; D'Juan Francisco, S; Tim Grunhard, G; Anthony Johnson, FB; Tony Rice, QB; Stan Smagala, CB; Pat Terrell, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Derek Brown, TE, 6-7/243, Jr.; Rodney Culver, FB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Ray Griggs, SE, 6-3/194, Soph.; Justin Hall, T, 6-5/292, Jr.; *Mike Heldt, C, 6-4/267, Sr.; *Raghib Ismail, FL, 5-10/175, Jr.; Mirko Jurkovic, T, 6-5/281, Jr.; Dorsey Levens, TB, 6-2/219, Soph.; Rick Mirer, QB, 6-3/212, Soph.; *Tim Ryan, G, 6-4/266, Sr.; Winston Sandri, T, 6-4/278, Sr.

Defense: Bob Dahl, T, 6-5/261, Sr.; Greg Davis, S, 6-1/205, Sr.; Donn Grimm, ILB, 6-2/238, Sr.; Andre Jones, OLB, 6-4/225, Sr.; *Scott Kowalkowski, OLB, 6-2/230, Sr.; *Todd Lyght, CB, 6-1/184, Sr.; George Poorman, S, 6-2/193, Jr.; Rod Smith, CB, 6-1/180, Jr.; Michael Stonebreaker, ILB, 6-1/228, Sr. (RS); George Williams, T, 6-3/298, Sr. (RS); Chris Zorich, NG, 6-1/266, Sr.

Other key players: Joe Allen, OT, Sr.; Reggie Brooks, CB, Soph.; Junior Bryant, DT, Soph.; Demetrius DuBose, LB, Soph.; Craig Henrich, P, Soph.; Frank Jacobs, TE, Sr.; Jake Kelchner, QB, Soph.; Devon McDonald, LB, Jr.; Gene McGuire, C, Jr.; William Pollard, SE, Soph.; Tony Smith, SE, Jr.; Kenny Spears, FB, Jr.; *Ricky Watters, TB, Sr.

Schedule: Michigan, Sept. 15; at Michigan State, Sept. 22; Purdue, Sept. 29; Stanford, Oct. 6; Air Force, Oct. 13; Miami, Oct. 20; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 27; at Navy, Nov. 3; at Tennessee, Nov. 10; Penn State, Nov. 17; at Southern Cal, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Fighting Irish.

Site: South Bend, Ind.

Near the end of Notre Dame's first 1990 spring practice, Coach Lou Holtz got right to the point.

"Where's Tony?" Holtz asked with a smile.

Holtz and everyone else connected with Notre Dame football knew the answer. Talented quarterback Tony Rice had completed his eligibility. Still, it did seem strange watching the Irish work out without their three-year starter calling the shots.

Rice had made it look so easy, without ever making it look pretty. He led the Irish in rushing each of the last two seasons and he had the natural instincts and discipline to stay within himself while following Holtz's orders. Most of all, he won. Under Rice's leadership, the Irish won 24 of 25 games in 1988 and '89, a period in which they also won one national title and narrowly missed another.

But Rice is gone and the potential of

sophomores Rick Mirer and Jake Kelchner is more suited to a passing game.

That could mean a big departure from the offense Holtz employed last season when he combined an astute option quarterback with a veteran offensive line to grind out 287.7 yards and 33.8 points per game. But take away the quarterback, three starters from the offensive line and fullback Anthony Johnson, and it's almost like starting over.

With the talent available, that's not necessarily bad. Just different. Holtz has demonstrated over the years that he can make the most out of what he's got.

What he has in Mirer is a 6-foot-3, 212-pounder with good feet and textbook passing form. What he has in Kelchner is a 6-3, 212-pounder who lacks Mirer's passing polish but has better running ability.

Either quarterback figures to be a big change from Rice.

"Compared to what the fans saw the past few seasons, we're going to seem like an aerial circus," Holtz said.

There will be no dearth of talent on the receiving end of somebody's passes. Speedy wideout Raghib (Rocket) Ismail is a solid Heisman Trophy candidate and 6-7 Derek Brown is always a threat from his tight end position. Holdover split ends Tony Smith and William Pollard should catch their fair share of passes.

Holtz also spent the spring looking for the right combination at the running back positions. He tried to move last year's starter at tailback, Ricky Watters, to wide receiver, but the youngster requested a move back to his normal position. Holtz also looked long and hard at sophomore Dorsey Levens, with the idea of moving Rodney Culver from tailback to fullback.

Another name that could fit in the mix is Tony Brooks, who played a key role on Notre Dame's 1988 national championship team but was not readmitted to school last fall. He spent the year at Holy Cross Junior College across the street from Notre Dame and planned to reapply for admission.

If all else fails, Holtz can take comfort knowing that the versatile Ismail, also one of the top kick returners in the nation, can step in at tailback.

Veteran center Mike Heldt and guard Tim Ryan return to anchor the offensive line. Ready to move up are guard Mirko Jurkovic and tackles Justin Hall and Winston Sandri.

Brooks is only one of three stalwarts from the 1988 team who could figure in the Irish's 1990 plans.

Defensive tackle George Williams has won his old job back after an academic suspension. Linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, a consensus All-America in 1988, returns after sitting out the 1989 season under university suspension.

Stonebreaker will pair at inside linebacker with the team's top returning tackler, Donn Grimm. Outside linebackers Scott Kowalkowski, Devon Mc-

**Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.**



Notre Dame wideout Raghib Ismail is a solid Heisman Trophy candidate.

Donald and Andre Jones all return to Notre Dame's deepest position.

Noseguard Chris Zorich will join Williams on an impressive front line and talented cornerback Todd Lyght is the bright spot in a secondary that will include three new faces.

MIAMI (FLA.)

Coach: Dennis Erickson (11-1, 1 year; 61-32-1 overall, 8 years).

1989 record: 11-1 (beat Alabama in Sugar Bowl).

Key losses: Kenny Berry, CB; Bernard Clark, LB; Dale Dawkins, WR; Bobby Garcia, C; Rod Holder, G; Cortez Kennedy, DT; Greg Mark, DE; Rick Newbill, LB; Willis Pequese, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Wesley Carroll, SB, 6-1/185, Sr.; *Rob Chudzinski, TE, 6-4/235, Sr.; *Leonard Conley, FB, 5-9/170, Sr.; Luis Cristobal, G, 6-3/282, Sr.; *Craig Erickson, QB, 6-2/196, Sr.; *Darren Handy, C, 6-1/278, Sr.; *Randal Hill, SE, 5-11/175, Sr.; Claude Jones, G, 6-3/278, Jr.; *Leon Searcy, T, 6-3/282, Jr.; *Mike Sullivan, T, 6-4/272, Sr.; Lamar Thomas, FL, 6-3/170, Soph. **Defense:** Robert Bailey, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Michael Barrow, ILB, 6-1/222, Soph.; *Hurlie Brown, S, 6-1/198, Jr.; *Maurice Crum, OLB, 6-0/222, Sr.; Shane Curry, E, 6-4/260, Sr.; *Russell Maryland, T, 6-2/273, Sr.; Eric Miller, E, 6-4/255, Jr.; *Charles Pharms, S, 5-11/185, Jr.; Darren Smith, OLB, 6-1/221, Soph.; *Roland Smith, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Kipp Vickers, T, 6-2/265, Soph.

Other key players: Jessie Armstead, LB, Soph.; Damon Bethel, DE, Fr.; Randy Bethel, TE, Sr.; Mark Caesar, DT, Soph.; Mario Cristobal, OT, Soph.; Anthony Hamlet, DE, Jr.; Carlos Huerta, K, Jr.; Darren Krein, LB, Fr.; Steve McGuire, FB, Fr.; Ryan McNeil, CB, Soph.; Gino Torretta, QB, Soph.; Darryl Williams, S, Soph.

Schedule: At Brigham Young, Sept. 8; at California, Sept. 15; Iowa, Sept. 29; Florida State, Oct. 6; Kansas, Oct. 13; at Notre Dame, Oct. 20; at Texas Tech, Oct. 27; Pittsburgh, Nov. 3; Boston College, Nov. 17; Syracuse, Nov. 24; at San Diego State, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Hurricanes.

Site: Coral Gables, Fla.

Dennis Erickson sure knows how to handle high expectations.

Last year, Erickson took over a Miami program that had lost just two regular-season games in four years. And the Miami faithful fully expected the Hurricanes to contend for a national title, even though the quarterback job was wide open, thanks to the defection of Steve Walsh to the NFL a year early.

Pressure? What pressure? All the intense, highly competitive Erickson did was exceed expectations. The Hurricanes did more than compete for the national title—they won the thing. Notre Dame's protests notwithstanding, it was the Hurricanes' third national title in seven years and gave credibility to their claim as college football's Team of the '80s.

One season, one national championship. What now, Coach?

"Because my expectations of this program are very high, the pressure that's on us will continue every year," Erickson said. "When you look at it realistically, we are not going to win the national championship every year. But the pressure remains to be one of the top programs in the country."

This fall, the emphasis could switch from a devastating defense that led Division I-A in scoring defense (9.3 points per game) and total defense (216.5 yards) to an offense that figures to exceed last year's success. That's going some, because Miami averaged 454.1 yards per game, the second-highest total in school history and the ninth-best figure in Division I-A.

Leading the way for an offense that returns eight starters will be explosive quarterback Craig (No Relation To Dennis) Erickson, a bona fide Heisman Trophy

candidate. Erickson replaced Walsh last season and passed for 2,007 yards and 16 touchdowns, despite missing three full games with a broken knuckle on his throwing hand.

"If he's healthy, he's the best quarterback in the country. Period," Erickson, the coach, said.

Erickson, the quarterback, will have ample support from a talented cast that should be strong in every facet of the game.

Slotback Wesley Carroll and wide receiver Randal (Thrill) Hill will be Erickson's main targets. Carroll appears ready to make an assault on all of Miami's single-season receiving records. At tight end, the underrated Rob Chudzinski returns for his third year as a starter.

The offensive backfield is deeper than a Palm Beach bank account. Leonard Conley, Steve McGuire, Alex Johnson and Shannon Crowell all are talented and present Erickson with a pleasant problem—providing playing time for everyone. Conley probably will retain his starting spot in Miami's one-back offense, but he will have a slim margin for error.

Coupled with the depth at running back is a more physical offensive line that includes four-year starter Mike Sullivan at tackle, plus guards Luis Cristobal and Claude Jones, center Darren Handy and tackle Leon Searcy.

The defensive dilemma is how to improve on last year's near perfection. Four of the Hurricanes' top six players on the defensive line completed their eligibility last season and only tackle Russell Maryland and end Shane Curry return to the front wall.

The Hurricanes are deep at linebacker with Maurice Crum, Darrin Smith, Michael Barrow and Jessie Armstead. Ditto for the secondary, where Darryl Williams, Charles Pharms and Hurlie Brown will see plenty of time at safety, as will Ryan McNeil, Roland Smith and Robert Bailey at the corners.

As if that's not enough, Erickson will have the use of Carlos Huerta, one of the top place-kickers in the country.

FLORIDA STATE

Coach: Bobby Bowden (122-40-3, 14 years; 195-72-3 overall, 24 years).

1989 record: 10-2 (beat Nebraska in Fiesta Bowl).

Key losses: Terry Anthony, WR; John Brown, OT; LeRoy Butler, CB; Dexter Carter, TB; Keith Carter, LB; Dedrick Dodge, S; Kevin Grant, LB; Odell Higgins, NG; Eric Hayes, DT; Ronnie Lewis, WR; Michael Tanks, C; Shelton Thompson, LB; Peter Tom Willis, QB; Tony Yeomans, OG.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Robbie Baker, C, 6-5/235, Soph.; *Edgar Bennett, FB, 6-1/222, Jr.; Lawrence Dawsey, FL, 6-1/195, Sr.; Matt Frier, WR, 5-10/175, Fr. (RS); *Hayward Haynes, G, 6-3/275, Sr.; *Reggie Johnson, TE, 6-2/242, Sr.; Amp Lee, TB, 6-0/185, Soph.; Kevin Mancini, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Mike Morris, G, 6-2/251, Sr.; *Robert Stevenson, T, 6-3/268, Soph.; Casey Weldon, QB, 6-1/194, Jr. **Defense:** Terrell Buckley, CB, 5-10/175, Soph.; *Kirk Carruthers, ILB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Howard Dinkins, OLB, 6-1/198, Jr.; Leon Fowler, S, 6-2/196, Soph.; *Errol McCormey,

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CB, 6-0/175, Jr.; Anthony Moss, OLB, 6-4/230, Sr.; Henry Ostaszewski, T, 6-3/260, Jr.; Sterling Palmer, ILB, 6-7/250, Fr.; Bill Ragans, S, 6-2/206, Sr.; Troy Sanders, NG, 6-2/270, Soph.; Carl Simpson, T, 6-3/250, Soph. (switched from TE).

Other key players: Robbie Baker, C, Soph.; Shannon Baker, SE, Soph.; Deondri Clark, DT, Soph.; John Davis, S, Soph.; Brad Johnson, QB, Jr.; Bill Mason, K, Sr.; Joe Ostaszewski, NG, Jr.; Chris Parker, TB, Jr.; Johnny Wimberly, P, Soph.

Schedule: East Carolina, Sept. 8; Georgia Southern, Sept. 15; at Tulane, Sept. 22; Virginia Tech, Sept. 29; at Miami (Fla.), Oct. 6; at Auburn, Oct. 20; Louisiana State, Oct. 27; at South Carolina, Nov. 3; Cincinnati, Nov. 10; Memphis State (at Orlando, Fla.), Nov. 17; Florida, Dec. 1.

Nickname: Seminoles.

Site: Tallahassee, Fla.

Any lingering doubts about Florida State's membership in the elite college football club should have been dispelled in 1989. The Seminoles had 13 starters to replace, but still won 10 games, including victories over Miami, Auburn, Nebraska and Syracuse. Only season-opening losses to Clemson and Southern Mississippi kept the Seminoles from claiming a national championship. By season's end, they clearly were the hottest team in the nation.

Heading into the fall, Coach Bobby Bowden, who has guided the Seminoles to a three-year 32-4 record and three straight victories in New Year's Day bowl games, has 14 more starters to replace.

Even though there have been plenty of new faces in the lineup in recent years, one good recruiting class after another has made the holes easy to plug. This year is no exception. The Seminoles have speed to burn and depth at most positions.

Success in 1990 should boil down to three factors: the quarterback position, the defensive line and the month of October.

Redshirt junior Casey Weldon appears to be the leading candidate to replace quarterback Peter Tom Willis, who passed for 3,124 yards and 20 touchdowns last season. Weldon, who possesses a rifle arm and great mobility, will have the luxury of throwing to wideout Lawrence Dawsey, who led the Seminoles with 38 catches. Also keep an eye on sophomore Shannon Baker, a speedster who could start at the split end position.

Fullback Edgar Bennett returns to the backfield, but tailback Dexter Carter must be replaced. Bowden also must find three starters on the offensive line to join holdovers Robert Stevenson at tackle and Howard Haynes at guard.

Missing from the defensive line are two dominating performers—noseguard Odell Haggins and tackle Eric Hayes. The Seminoles' new-look front wall could include twins with tongue-twisting names—Joe and Henry Ostaszewski.

Kirk Carruthers, who made a team-leading 145 tackles last year, is being touted as a Butkus Award candidate at inside linebacker. Cornerback Erroll McCorvey and safety Bill Ragans are returning starters in the secondary, but sophomore corner Terrell Buckley could emerge as the team's best defensive back.

Bowden needs five victories to become



Halfback Garrett Ford is one of the few familiar faces returning for West Virginia.

only the 11th coach in major-college history to record 200 career triumphs. No. 200 should come in October, but only if the Seminoles can beat Miami, Auburn or Louisiana State. That three-game stretch should make or break the Seminoles as national title contenders.

WEST VIRGINIA

Coach: Don Nehlen (77-39-2, 10 years; 130-74-6 overall, 19 years).

1989 record: 8-3-1 (lost to Clemson in Gator Bowl).

Key losses: Lonnie Brockman, LB; Greg Dykes, WR; Mike Fox, DT; Darren Fulton, CB; Chris Haering, LB; Major Harris, QB; Jack Linn, OT; Adrian Moss, TE; Eugene Napoleon, TB; Scott Parker, OG; Jeff Price, C; Basil Proctor, S; Reggie Rembert, WR; Scott Summits, DT; Renaldo Turnbull, LB; Preston Waters, CB; Matt Wracher, OT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Mike Compton, C, 6-7/289, Jr.; Garrett Ford, TB, 6-1/223, Soph.; James Jett, SE, 5-10/160, Soph.; Greg Jones, QB, 6-2/201, Sr.; Darrell Mitchell, TE, 6-4/256, Sr.; Frank Morelli, G, 6-3/271, Sr.; John Ray, T, 6-10/330, Sr.; Jeff Sniffen, T, 6-7/270, Sr.; Ray Staten, FL, 6-2/190, Jr. (JC); *Rico Tyler, FB, 5-11/237, Sr.; *Dale Wolfley, G, 6-2/263, Sr. **Defense:** Tarris Alexander, OLB, 6-2/223, Soph.; Leroy Axem, CB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Mike Collins, S, 5-11/190, Soph.; *Theron Ellis, OLB, 6-1/243, Sr.; *Steve Grant, ILB, 6-1/225, Jr.; *Jim Gray, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; Steve Redd, NG, 6-1/284, Soph.; Gary Tillis, T, 6-4/260, Jr.; E.J. Wheeler, ILB, 6-2/234, Sr.; *Darrell Whitmore, S, 6-2/202, Jr.; Sam Wilson, CB, 5-9/183, Sr.

Other key players: Michael Beasley, TB, Jr. (transfer/Maryland); Brad Carroll, K, Sr.; Cecil Doggett, CB, Jr.; Rick Dolly, DT, Jr.; Boris Graham, LB, Jr.; Greg Hertzog, P, Sr.; Ed Hill, SE, Soph.; Ted Kester, LB, Sr.; Alex Shook, RB, Jr.; Lorenzo Styles, G, Jr.

Schedule: Kent State, Sept. 1; Maryland, Sept. 8; at South Carolina, Sept. 15; Louisville, Sept. 22; at Pittsburgh, Sept. 29; at Virginia Tech, Oct. 6; Cincinnati, Oct. 13; Boston College, Oct. 27; Penn State, Nov. 3; at Rutgers, Nov. 10; Syracuse, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Mountaineers.

Site: Morgantown, W.Va.

The Mountaineers' "Major" losses were not confined to a quarterback named Harris. Gone are 17 starters from an 8-3-1 team that lost to Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

On offense, only fullback Rico Tyler and talented guard Dale Wolfley return to their starting positions. Things aren't much better on the defensive side where tackle Jim Gray, linebacker Theron Ellis and free safety Darrell Whitmore are the only returnees.

So after taking the Mountaineers to three consecutive bowl games and falling just short of winning the 1988 national championship, Coach Don Nehlen will put his recruiting and player development abilities to the test. Several players who have been waiting in the wings will get their chance.

"When you look at the number of people we've lost the past two seasons, it's obvious that this team, and even the program, will now take on a new personality," Nehlen said. "We're going to play a lot of young players. We're going to be mixing people around."

And they're going to ask an untested quarterback, senior Greg Jones, to replace Harris, who opted to bypass his final season of eligibility after passing for 2,058 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. Jones, who attempted only 21 passes last fall, will share the backfield with three familiar faces—Tyler and halfbacks Garrett Ford and Michael Beasley—but he will be asked to work with a whole new corps of wide receivers. The appropriately named James Jett figures to operate from the split end position with junior college transfer Ray Staten at flanker.

An interesting performer on the offensive line will be massive John Ray, who checks in at 6-10 and 330 pounds.

Nehlen expects linebacker Steve Grant to pick up some of the defensive slack after a 1989 season in which he recorded 102 tackles—in a backup role. Whitmore is the top talent in a secondary that figures to get tested early and often.

PITTSBURGH

Coach: Paul Hackett (1-0, first full year as head coach).

1989 record: 8-3-1 (beat Texas A&M in John Hancock Bowl).

Key losses: Robert Bradley, CB; Bill Cherpak, OG; Dan Crossman, S; Chris Goetz, OG; Alonzo Hampton, CB; Roman Matusz, OT; Tom Sims, DT; Carnel Smith, DE; Marc Spindler, DT; Henry Tuten, SE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Chris Bouyer, SE, 6-2/190, Soph.; Jeff Christy, G, 6-2/235, Sr.; Dave Dixon, G, 6-4/260, Jr.; Mike Lavorio, T, 6-5/270, Soph.; Scott Miller, T, 6-5/270, Jr.; Ronald Redmon, FB, 5-11/205, Jr.; *Curvin Richards, TB, 5-10/195, Jr.; *Chris Sestili, C, 6-3/255, Soph.; Lionel Sykes, TE, 6-4/250, Sr.; Olanda Truitt, FL, 6-1/190, Soph.; *Alex Van Pelt, QB, 6-2/200, Soph. **Defense:** Richard Allen, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; Jon Baker, T, 6-7/255, Jr.; *Curtis Bray, OLB, 6-4/235, Jr.; Dave Coleman, CB, 6-1/180, Jr.; *Craig Gob, ILB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Mark Gunn, E, 6-5/260, Sr.; *Keith Hamilton, E, 6-7/275, Soph.; Doug Hetzler, S, 6-0/190, Sr.; *Ricardo McDonald, OLB, 6-2/230, Jr.; *Louis Ridick, S, 6-3/212, Sr.; *Barry Threats, CB, 5-9/180, Soph.

Other key players: Bobby Boykin, S, Soph.; Jeff

Esters, DT, Jr.; Ed Frazier, K, Soph.; Sean Gilbert, E, Jr.; Brad Greenfield, P, Sr.; Derrick Lewis, FB, Soph.; Todd Pipkin, E, Jr.; Eric Seaman, TE, Jr.; Ricky Turner, TB, Jr.; Nelson Walker, LB, Sr.; Prentiss Wright, LB, Sr.
Schedule: Ohio University, Sept. 1; Boston College, Sept. 8; at Oklahoma, Sept. 15; at Syracuse, Sept. 22; West Virginia, Sept. 29; Rutgers, Oct. 13; Louisville, Oct. 20; Notre Dame, Oct. 27; at Miami, Nov. 3; Temple, Nov. 10; at Penn State, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Panthers.

Site: Pittsburgh.

Paul Hackett already has spent a day in the sun as coach of the Panthers. He owns a 1-0 record after guiding Pitt to a come-from-behind 31-28 victory over Texas A&M in the John Hancock Bowl. But that was the better part of a year ago, when he got the job after the controversial departure of Mike Gottfried.

What has he done lately?

He has stayed busy with a whirlwind stretch in which he pieced together a new staff, criss-crossed the country to bring in a number of blue-chip recruits and conducted spring drills.

Hackett, who spent most of last season reshaping the Panthers' attack as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, has a long history of developing signal-callers, both at the collegiate and professional levels. Under his guidance last season, previously unheralded freshman Alex Van Pelt blossomed into a top-flight quarterback, passing for 2,881 yards to break Dan Marino's school record.

"I believe in wide-open football, but my offensive philosophy is based on the premise that you have to be able to run the football," Hackett said.

That's where junior tailback Curvin Richards comes in. Richards rushed for 1,282 yards in 1989 and has topped the 1,000-yard rushing barrier in each of the last two years. With Penn State's Blair Thomas having graduated to the professional ranks, Richards could emerge as the top runner in the East.

"We want to get the ball to Richards as often as we can, in as many different ways as we can," Hackett said.

Hackett also would like to get the ball to big-play wide receiver Olanda Truitt, who averaged 20.2 yards per catch in his freshman season. Other top-notch performers on what should be an impressive offense are fullbacks Ronald Redmon and Derrick Lewis, tight end Lionel Sykes, split end Chris Bouyer and center Chris Sestili.

The Panthers should have little trouble moving the ball, but Hackett insists that defense—most notably an excellent linebacking corps—will be the strength of his team.

The headliner of Pitt's linebacking unit is Ricardo McDonald, who tied middleman Craig Gob for the team lead in tackles. Also returning to that unit is talented Curtis Bray.

Hard-hitting safety Louis Riddick will be the key man in a secondary that also will include cornerback Barry Threats—if he can conquer his academic problems. The anchor up front will be end Keith Hamilton, who led the 1989 Panthers with

nine sacks.

Although Hackett appears to have plenty of talent with which to work, he could have a hard time getting his team to match last year's 8-3-1 record. Pitt faces a potentially devastating schedule that includes Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Miami, Louisville, Penn State, West Virginia and Syracuse.

SYRACUSE

Coach: Dick MacPherson (59-42-2, 9 years; 104-69-3 overall, 16 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (beat Georgia in Peach Bowl).

Key losses: David Bavar, LB; Blake Bednarz, G; Alban Brown, LB; Dan Bucey, LB; Rob Burnett, DT; Fred DeRiggi, NG; Rob Moore, WR; Michael Owens, RB; Bill Scharr, QB; Terry Wooden, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Mike Bernard, T, 6-2/273, Sr.; *Rob Carpenter, WR, 6-2/188, Jr.; Chris Chavers, RB, 5-10/205, Jr.; Andrew Dees, TE, 6-6/250, Jr.; *John Flannery, C, 6-4/300, Sr.; Qadry Ismail, WR, 6-1/187, Soph.; Duane Kinnon, FB, 6-1/230, Sr.; *Gary McCummings, G, 6-2/265, Sr.; Mark McDonald, QB, 6-0/195, Jr.; *Turnell Sims, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Terrence Wisdom G, 6-4/290, Soph. **Defense:** Ousmane Bary, CB, 5-11/197, Soph.; Garland Hawkins, OLB, 6-2/231, Soph.; Brian LeBaron, ILB, 6-3/228, Sr.; *George Rooks, T, 6-4/277, Jr.; Tim Sandquist, S, 6-1/198, Jr.; Jerry Sharp, NG, 6-2/274, Soph.; Rob Thomson, S, 6-2/201, Sr.; Greg Walker, CB, 5-8/179, Jr.; Jim Wentworth, T, 6-3/248, Jr.; Jo Jo Wooden, OLB, 6-4/230, Soph.; Glen Young, ILB, 6-3/238, Soph.

Other key players: John Biskup, K, Soph.; Roger Carges, LB, Sr.; Frank Conover, DT, Sr.; Kirby Ferrell, WR, Soph. (transfer/UCLA); Marvin Graves, QB, Fr. (RS); Ken Hawkins, P, Jr.; Shelby Hill, WR, Fr. (RS); Rush Hodgin, OG, Sr.; Antonio Johnson, WR, Soph.; Kevin Mitchell, NG, Fr. (RS); David Walker, RB, Soph.

Schedule: Southern Cal (at New Jersey Meadowlands), Aug. 31; Temple, Sept. 8; Michigan State, Sept. 15; Pittsburgh, Sept. 22; at Vanderbilt, Oct. 6; at Penn State, Oct. 13; Rutgers, Oct. 20; at Army, Oct. 27; at Boston College, Nov. 3; Tulane, Nov. 10; at West Virginia, Nov. 17; at Miami, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Orangemen.

Site: Syracuse, N.Y.



Pittsburgh's excellent linebacking corps is headlined by Ricardo McDonald.

After a stellar two-year run in which they went 21-2-1, the Orangemen fell back to the pack a bit last fall. But their final 8-4 record wasn't all that bad and it included a Peach Bowl victory over Georgia. The 1990 campaign promises to provide continued success and Syracuse appears to have its feet firmly planted among the top football programs in the East.

It's hard to believe that less than four years ago some Syracuse fans were screaming for Coach Dick MacPherson's head. Lately, however, the only screaming has been for their football team at the Carrier Dome.

If the Orangemen are going to have staying power among the Beasts of the East, MacPherson sees this as a key year. He has seven starters back on offense, but must replace three of his top skill-position performers in wide receiver Rob Moore, running back Michael Owens and quarterback Bill Scharr.

The new quarterback may be junior Mark McDonald, who started two games last season and came off the bench to lead Syracuse to its 19-18 comeback victory over Georgia in the Peach Bowl. But the quarterback of the future may be Marvin Graves, a redshirt freshman from Washington, D.C., who already is being compared to Major Harris.

Even without Moore, the Orangemen have a proven wide receiver in Rob Carpenter and a potential game-breaker in sophomore Qadry Ismail, a speedster in the same mold as his brother, Raghib, at Notre Dame.

The top candidate to replace Owens is Chris Chavers. Returning fullback Duane Kinnon, the most prolific pass-catching back in Syracuse history, should once again be a key factor.

There should be plenty of good blocks from an outstanding offensive line that returns center John Flannery, guard Gary McCummings and tackles Mike Bernard and Turnell Sims.

There are more question marks on a defense that returns only four starters.

Most of the returning talent will be in the secondary, where Ousmane Bary, Rob Thomson, Greg Walker and Tim Sandquist perform. The linebacking corps was wiped clean by graduation, but MacPherson likes what he has seen of sophomores Glen Young and Garland Hawkins, and senior Brian LeBaron saw plenty of playing time last season.

MacPherson will have to count on talented tackle George Rooks to hold the front line together until he can plug in the missing pieces.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Coach: Sparky Woods (6-4-1, 1 year; 44-23-3 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 6-4-1.

Key losses: Keith Bing, RB; Todd Ellis, QB; Harold Green, RB; Kenny Haynes, OG; Curt High, C; Tim High, NG; David Hodge, TE; David Taylor, LB; Stephane Williams, CB; Scott Windsor, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Dany

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Branch, G, 6-3/275, Jr.; *Robert Brooks, WR, 6-1/180, Jr.; Dickie DeMasi, QB, 6-1/205, Sr.; Mike Dingle, RB, 6-3/235, Sr.; Hal Hamrick, C, 6-3/265, Sr.; *Ike Harris, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Leroy Jeter, RB, 6-2/220, Soph.; *Eddie Miller, WR, 6-0/178, Jr.; Antoine Rivers, G, 6-3/265, Soph.; *Calvin Stephens, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Charles Steward, TE, 6-3/22, Jr. **Defense:** *Erik Anderson, CB, 5-11/170, Soph.; *Marty Dye, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; Leon Harris, S, 6-1/215, Jr.; *Patrick Hinton, ILB, 6-2/230, Sr.; *Keith McDonald, S, 6-1/193, Sr.; *Corey Miller, E, 6-2/250, Sr.; *Joe Reaves, OLB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Trent Simpson, E, 6-4/265, Sr.; Cedric Surratt, CB, 5-11/195, Soph. (RS); Mike Tolbert, OLB, 6-2/200, Jr. (RS); Kurt Wilson, T, 6-2/265, Sr. (RS).

Other key players: Bobby Brown, DT, Jr.; Bobby Fuller, QB, Jr. (transfer/Appalachian State); Collin Mackie, K, Sr.; Daren Parker, P, Sr.; David Pitchko, WR, Jr.; Carl Platt, WR, Sr.; Stacy Robinson, CB, Soph.; Antonio Walker, CB, Jr.; Ken Watson, RB, Sr.; Gerald Williams, RB, Sr.

Schedule: Duke, Sept. 1; North Carolina, Sept. 8; West Virginia, Sept. 15; at Virginia Tech, Sept. 22; at Georgia Tech, Sept. 29; East Carolina, Oct. 13; The Citadel, Oct. 20; at North Carolina State, Oct. 27; Florida State, Nov. 3; Southern Illinois, Nov. 10; at Clemson, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Gamecocks.

Site: Columbia, S.C.

New Gamecocks Coach Sparky Woods got an early—and unpleasant—look into the future last fall when senior quarterback Todd Ellis went down with a season-ending knee injury against North Carolina State.

Before Ellis was hurt, the Gamecocks were 5-1-1 and in the hunt for a bowl bid. Without Ellis, who fell just short of 10,000 passing yards in his career, they lost three of their last four games and stayed home for the first time in three postseasons. In each of those final four games, South Carolina mustered less than 300 yards total offense.

Woods knew he'd have to replace Ellis this fall, and what he saw in those final four games was not encouraging. He spent the spring looking over top candidates Bobby Fuller and Dickie DeMasi, who had stepped in when Ellis was hurt. Fuller sat out the 1989 campaign after transferring from Appalachian State when Woods left that Southern Conference school to come to South Carolina.

Quarterback isn't Woods' only concern, however. Also gone is running back Harold Green, who finished off a 3,000-yard rushing career with 989 last season. Another problem could be a defense that lost several key performers.

The clear-cut favorite at tailback is Mike Dingle, a bullish 235-pounder who gained 502 yards last fall. Whoever wins the quarterback job will have proven targets in returning starters Robert Brooks and speedster Eddie Miller, and the offensive line has quality performers in guard Dany Branch and tackles Ike Harris and Calvin Stephens.

The top defensive returnees are end Corey Miller and linebacker Patrick Hinton, last year's leading tackler. Joe Reaves will join Hinton in the linebacking corps and safety Keith McDonald joins cornerback Erik Anderson in the secondary.

South Carolina's kicking game is in good feet. Place-kicker Collin Mackie, the

school's career scoring leader, is back, as is punter Daren Parker, whose 44.3-yard average ranked fifth in Division I-A last year.

PENN STATE

Coach: Joe Paterno (220-57-3, 24 years).

1989 record: 8-3-1 (beat Brigham Young in Holiday Bowl).

Key losses: Brian Chizmar, LB; Andre Collins, LB; Roger Duffy, C; Tim Freeman, OT; Dave Jakob, TE; Sherrod Rainge, S; Rich Schonewolf, DT; Dave Scott, OG; Blair Thomas, TB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Dave Brzenczek, G, 6-3/253, Sr.; *Dave Daniels, SE, 6-1/185, Jr.; Pat Duffy, T, 6-2/271, Sr.; Mike Flanagan, G, 6-4/263, Sr.; Sam Gash, FB, 6-0/232, Jr. (RS); Al Golden, TE, 6-3/250, Sr.; Rob Luedke, C, 6-6/260, Sr.; *Matt McCartin, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; *Tony Sacca, QB, 6-5/219, Jr.; *Terry Smith, FL, 5-8/155, Jr.; *Leroy Thompson, TB, 5-10/206, Sr. **Defense:** Todd Burger, T, 6-2/256, Jr.; *Jim Deter, NG, 6-2/258, Jr.; *Mark D'Onofrio, ILB, 6-2/230, Jr.; *Frank Giannetti, T, 6-2/245, Sr.; *Reggie Givens, OLB, 6-0/204, Soph.; Keith Goganian, ILB, 6-3/230, Jr.; *Hernon Henderson, CB, 6-0/185, Jr.; Leonard Humphries, CB, 5-9/163, Jr.; Rich McKenzie, OLB, 6-2/214, Soph.; Darren Perry, S, 5-10/190, Jr.; *Willie Thomas, S, 5-9/174, Sr.

Other key players: Henry Adkins, K, Sr.; Tom Bill, QB, Sr.; *Gary Brown, S, Sr.; Gerry Collins, TB, Jr.; Ivory Gethers, LB, Soph.; Doug Helkowski, P, Jr.; Sean Love, OG, Jr.; O.J. McDuffie, WR, Jr.; Eric Rivoti, LB, Soph.; Tisen Thomas, CB, Soph.

Schedule: Texas, Sept. 8; at Southern Cal, Sept. 15; Rutgers, Sept. 22; Temple, Oct. 6; Syracuse, Oct. 13; at Boston College, Oct. 20; at Alabama, Oct. 27; at West Virginia, Nov. 3; Maryland, Nov. 10; at Notre Dame, Nov. 17; Pittsburgh, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Nittany Lions.

Site: University Park, Pa.

Penn State looks forward to the 1990 season, Joe Paterno's 25th as coach, with one eye focused on a demanding schedule and the other on a future that hopefully will include full status and membership in the Big Ten.

Paterno plans to still be stalking the sidelines if and when the Nittany Lions make that move. At age 63, he figures time still is on his side.

"I've made up my mind I'm going to stay in coaching for a long period of time," he said. "I feel great. I really do."

Paterno could age considerably this season because Penn State's schedule features six bowl teams and road games against Notre Dame, West Virginia, Alabama and Southern California. Not that the Nittany Lions will be unarmed for that challenge, but they won't have their big gun from a year ago, talented running back Blair Thomas.

Thomas has taken his 1,341 rushing yards and moved on to the NFL. Paterno will ask fullback Sam Gash and running back Leroy Thompson to pick up the slack and take some of the pressure off the shoulders of Tony Sacca, Penn State's oft-maligned junior quarterback who was in and out of the lineup last season and managed only 694 passing yards.

The lanky Sacca, who reportedly considered transferring because he was unhappy with the way he was handled as a sophomore, was erratic at best in his first two college seasons. But he showed a flash of potential with a 206-yard, two-touchdown performance against Brigham

Young in the Holiday Bowl.

"I've been here two years. I've been around the block," Sacca said. "I think the coaching staff is ready to center the offense around me. At least, I hope that will happen."

Paterno, however, probably will stick with the ground game that has been Penn State's trademark through the years. Run first, pass second has always been the Penn State way.

If he decides to deviate from that philosophy, wide receivers Dave Daniels and Terry Smith will be ready, willing and able to catch Sacca's throws. The Nittany Lions' offensive line will have to be reconstructed around 270-pound tackle Matt McCartin.

Jim Deter and Frank Giannetti return to the defensive line and three starters return to the secondary, but Penn State's defense once again should center around its linebackers.

Keith Goganian, Reggie Givens and Mark D'Onofrio, the team leader last year with 11 sacks, should spell plenty of trouble for opposing offenses.

LOUISVILLE

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger (22-32-1, 5 years; 63-48-1 overall, 10 years).

1989 record: 6-5.

Key losses: Art Alexander, DB; Allen Douglas, C; Chad Fortune, TE; Carwell Gardner, FB; Mike McKinney, OG.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Billy Bosworth, T, 6-3/261, Jr.; Greg Brohm, SE, 6-0/169, Soph.; *Pete Burkey, T, 6-4/279, Sr.; Pete Bynum, FB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Carey Figg, C, 6-3/272, Soph.; *Fred Jones, FL, 6-1/196, Jr.; *Curtis Lipsey, TB, 5-11/183, Soph.; *Scott McAllister, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Ken McKay, TE, 6-2/230, Jr.; *Browning Nagle, QB, 6-2/229, Sr.; Darryl Swafford, G, 6-4/253, Jr. **Defense:** *Bob Bare, S, 6-2/205, Sr.; Ray Buchanan, CB, 5-10/175, Soph.; *Pat Fitzgerald, OLB, 6-4/217, Sr.; *Mike Flores, E, 6-3/241, Sr.; *John Gainey, CB, 5-9/186, Sr.; *Dan Gangwer, T, 6-2/242, Sr.; *Reggie Johnson, OLB, 6-1/240, Sr.; *Ricky McFadden, S, 5-11/199, Jr.; *Mark Sander, ILB, 6-2/232, Sr.; Ted Washington, T, 6-5/300, Sr.; *Deron Williams, E, 6-2/249, Jr.

Other key players: Ron Bell, K, Sr.; Kevin Blumeier, OT, Soph.; Jeff Brohm, QB, Fr.; Andy Culley, LB, Soph.; Anthony Cummings, FL, Sr.; Ralph Dawkins, RB, Fr. (RS); Kelvin Givens, CB, Fr.; Mel Mills, DE, Jr.; Leonard Ray, DT, Fr.; Ed Reynolds, LB, Sr.; Anthony Semak, TE, Soph.; Latrell Ware, TB, Sr.; Klaus Wilsmeyer, P, Jr.; Randy Wyatt, WR, Fr.

Schedule: At San Jose State, Sept. 1; Murray State, Sept. 8; Kansas, Sept. 15; at West Virginia, Sept. 22; at Southern Mississippi, Sept. 29; Tulsa, Oct. 6; Memphis State, Oct. 13; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 20; Western Kentucky, Oct. 27; at Cincinnati, Nov. 3; Boston College, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Cardinals.

Site: Louisville, Ky.

Exciting things are happening at Louisville. Howard Schnellenberger's grandiose building plan, which sounded silly a few years back when the Cardinals were getting pounded with regularity, doesn't sound so farfetched any more.

"We are still on a collision course with the national championship," Schnellenberger said. "The only variable is time. We've traveled a long way down the road toward that dream. There are still a few miles to go. But what's important today is that our program is entering the 'winning

cycle."

The Cardinals are looking for their third consecutive winning season. And although a national title appears a long way off, they do appear to be on a collision course for a bowl bid. Schnellenberger has a bundle of returning starters and a roster full of good, quality depth to help him work toward that end.

The headliners are quarterback Browning Nagle, who threw for 2,503 yards and 16 touchdowns last fall, defensive end Mike Flores, who recorded 14 sacks, and linebacker Mark Sander, who is on schedule to become the school's all-time leading tackler.

Curtis Lipsey returns to handle tailback chores, but he and fullback Pete Bynm will be hard pressed to produce the numbers that departed fullback Carwell Gardner ran up last season. Gardner led the team in rushing and receiving while finishing second in scoring.

Another prime area of concern is up front, where three-year starters Allen Douglas (center), Mick McKinney (guard) and Chad Fortune (tight end) all must be replaced.

The defense, with Sander and Flores leading the charge, should be a Cardinal strength. Reggie Johnson and Pat Fitzgerald return to join Sander on the linebacking unit and Flores should get plenty of help up front from Deron Williams and Dan Gangwer.

The secondary appears to be well stocked with cornerback John Gainey and safeties Bob Bare and Ricky McFadden.

EAST CAROLINA

Coach: Bill Lewis (5-5-1, 1 year; 18-26-1 overall, 4 years).

1989 record: 5-5-1.

Key losses: Mike Applewhite, NG; Todd Drugac, OT; Joe Holmes, DT; Travis Hunter, QB; Willie Lewis, TB; Grant Lowe, OT; Brian McPhatter, DE; Junior Robinson, S; Stewart Southall, OG, Anthony Thompson, DE; Ricky Torain, CB; Walter Wilson, WR.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Keith Arnold, C, 6-3/277, Jr.; Jeff Blake, QB, 6-2/195, Jr.; David Daniels, TB, 5-11/223, Jr.; *Luke Fisher, TE, 6-3/222, Jr.; Hunter Gallimore, SE, 6-0/176, Jr.; *Chad Martin, G, 6-4/278, Sr.; Mike McCloskey, G, 6-2/293, Jr.; *Michael Rhett, FB, 5-9/205, Jr.; Tom Scott, T, 6-5/335, Soph.; *Charlie Tyson, FL, 5-11/178, Sr.; Nick Wilson, T, 6-4/264, Soph.

Defense: Ed Brogdon, S, 5-9/182, Sr.; Darren Bynum, CB, 5-10/172, Sr.; Jerry Dillon, E, 6-3/211, Soph.; Greg Gardill, T, 6-3/242, Jr.; *Derrick Fields, S, 6-2/201, Soph.; *Chris Hall, CB, 6-2/184, Jr.; *Robert Jones, LB, 6-3/230, Jr.; George Koonce, E, 6-2/239, Sr.; *Ernie Lewis, LB, 6-2/213, Soph.; Ernie Logan, T, 6-4/254, Sr. (RS); Derek Taylor, NG, 6-1/250, Fr.

Other key players: Erik Booker, TB, Soph.; Phillip Brenner, K, Soph.; Thomas Colemen, OT, Fr.; Clayton Driver, SE, Soph.; John Jett, P, Jr.; Dion Johnson, FL, Jr. (JC); Sean McConnell, QB, Jr. (JC); Dale Pope, NG, Jr.; *Reeves Spainhour, DT, Sr.; Don Thompson, S, Fr.; Cedric Van Buren, TB, Soph.; Marc Washington, DE, Jr.

Schedule: Louisiana Tech, Sept. 1; at Florida State, Sept. 8; Virginia Tech, Sept. 15; at Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 22; at Georgia, Sept. 29; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 6; at South Carolina, Oct. 13; Cincinnati, Oct. 20; at Temple, Oct. 27; at Memphis State, Nov. 3; Northern Illinois, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Pirates.

Site: Greenville, N.C.



Quarterback Browning Nagle is one reason Louisville is on a collision course with a bowl bid.

In his first season at East Carolina, Coach Bill Lewis took a team that had finished 3-8 and guided it to a 5-5-1 finish, the Pirates' best record since 1983. A cause for celebration? Apparently not.

Lewis, the former Wyoming coach and Georgia defensive coordinator, responded by replacing his entire defensive staff, as well as his offensive coordinator. The Pirates, who began last season 4-1-1, including a 14-10 homecoming upset of Virginia Tech, stumbled down the stretch with one win in their final five games. In three of those losses they surrendered 40 or more points.

So Lewis hired Mike Cassity, former defensive coordinator at Northeast Louisiana, and promoted running backs coach Steve Logan to offensive coordinator.

"We're going to take some things we did last year and make them better," Lewis said. "I feel we have the ideal coaching staff for that."

"Better" should start with defense and Lewis has the ideal man around whom to build. Linebacker Robert Jones registered a team-leading 117 tackles last fall and figures to rank among the top performers nationally at his position. Four other starters return, including safety Derrick Fields, cornerback Chris Hall and linebacker Ernie Lewis. But the biggest boost could come from the return of lineman Ernie Logan, who missed the '89 season for academic reasons.

Offensively, the Pirates have a huge hole to fill with the graduation of do-everything quarterback Travis Hunter, who accounted for 1,876 yards in total of

fence and set 10 school records last season. Jeff Blake, who threw for 488 yards, is the leading candidate to replace him.

Tailback David Daniels and fullback Michael Rhett should handle most of the ballcarrying load, and they will work behind a strong line that returns center Keith Arnold and guard Chad Martin.

Charlie Tyson should reclaim his starting wide receiver job, but Lewis has high hopes for junior Dion Johnson.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Curley Hallman (15-8, 2 years).

1989 record: 5-6.

Key losses: Preston Hansford, TE; Pat Jackson, DE; Buddy King, OT; William Kirksey, LB; Bryant Medders, DE; Chuck Sims, NG; Darryl Tillman, WR; Reginald Warnsley, FB; Toby Watts, DT.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Ron Baham, WR, 6-3/190, Jr.; *Lehman Braley, G, 6-5/258, Jr. (switched from C); John Camacho, C, 6-3/265, Sr.; *Ben Crumm, T, 6-4/285, Sr. (switched from G); *Brett Favre, QB, 6-2/210, Sr.; *Eddie Ray Jackson, TB, 5-9/186, Sr.; *Michael Jackson, WR, 6-4/185, Sr.; *Chafan Marsh, G, 6-0/270, Jr.; Dwayne Nelson, FB, 6-0/185, Soph.; *Chris Ryals, T, 6-2/280, Jr.; Eric Williams, TE, 6-2/230, Jr.

Defense: Pete Antoniou, T, 6-2/265, Jr.; Ron Brown, NG, 6-1/240, Sr.; *Simmie Carter, CB, 6-1/175, Sr.; Kendrick Collins, T, 6-1/260, Jr.; Vernon Collins, CB, 5-10/170, Soph.; *Thad McDowell, LB, 6-0/215, Jr.; Rod Reed, E, 6-1/215, Jr.; James Singleton, E, 6-3/205, Soph.; *Kerry Valrie, S, 5-10/185, Sr.; Arnie Williams, LB, 6-2/195, Jr.; Brian Wood, S, 5-9/175, Jr.

Other key players: Jerry Broughton, WR, Fr. (RS); Scott Bryant, P, Jr.; Cassie Butler, DE, Sr.; Quentis Casey, TB, Fr. (RS); Manuel Conner, TB, Fr. (RS); Chuck Davis, K, Soph.; Bobby Hamilton, DT, Fr. (RS); Aubrey Johnson, DE, Soph.; Chris LaCoste, C, Jr.; *Tim Roberts, DT, Jr.; Will Roberts, WR, Jr.; Tony Smith, TB, Jr.; Steve Thompson, FB, Sr.; *Ben Washington, CB, Sr.; Pat Wynn, E, Soph.

Schedule: Delta State, Sept. 1; at Alabama, Sept. 8; at Georgia, Sept. 15; at Mississippi State, Sept. 22; Louisville, Sept. 29; at East Carolina, Oct. 6; at Tulane, Oct. 13; Memphis State, Oct. 20; at Virginia Tech, Oct. 27; at Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 3; at Auburn, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Golden Eagles.

Site: Hattiesburg, Miss.

For many of college football's low-profile programs, the independent life isn't all it's cracked up to be. Take the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi, for example.

This is a respected program, to be sure. Coach Curley Hallman's crew went 10-2 in 1988, recording an Independence Bowl victory over Texas-El Paso. It's to the point now, however, where some of college football's bigger names shy away from playing the Golden Eagles, particularly in Hattiesburg.

Last fall, they opened with a stunning 30-26 victory over Florida State, a game that cost the Seminoles a chance at the national title. But playing a schedule that featured only three home games and included the likes of Auburn, Alabama, Texas A&M and Mississippi State, the Eagles lost three games by three points or less and finished a frustrating 5-6.

Once again the Golden Eagles will play only three home games while making stops at Alabama, Georgia, Auburn and

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**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Raghib Ismail
Notre Dame WR**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**Todd Lyght
Notre Dame CB**OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Eric Turrall
Florida State WR**DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**Sean Gilbert
Pittsburgh DE**TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM****FIRST TEAM****OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	WESLEY CARROLL, Miami (Fla.)
WR	LAWRENCE DAWSEY, Florida State
WR	RAGHIB ISMAIL, Notre Dame
TE	DEREK BROWN, Notre Dame
T	TURNELL SIMS, Syracuse
T	MIKE SULLIVAN, Miami (Fla.)
C	JOHN FLANNERY, Syracuse
G	TIM RYAN, Notre Dame
G	DALE WOLFLEY, West Virginia
QB	CRAIG ERICKSON, Miami (Fla.)
RB	DORSEY LEVENS, Notre Dame
RB	CURVIN RICHARDS, Pittsburgh

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-1/185	Sr.
6-1/195	Sr.
5-10/175	Jr.
6-7/243	Jr.
6-3/285	Sr.
6-4/272	Sr.
6-4/300	Sr.
6-4/266	Sr.
6-2/263	Sr.
6-2/196	Sr.
6-2/219	Soph.
5-10/195	Jr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	CHRIS ZORICH, Notre Dame
DL	KEITH HAMILTON, Pittsburgh
DL	RUSSELL MARYLAND, Miami (Fla.)
DL	COREY MILLER, South Carolina
DL	GEORGE WILLIAMS, Notre Dame
ILB	KIRK CARRUTHERS, Florida State
ILB	MICHAEL STONEBREAKER, Notre Dame
OLB	MAURICE CRUM, Miami (Fla.)
OLB	ROBERT JONES, East Carolina
CB	TODD LYGHET, Notre Dame
CB	OUSMANE BARY, Syracuse
S	LOUIS RIDICK, Pittsburgh
S	ROB THOMSON, Syracuse

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-1/266	Sr.
6-7/275	Soph.
6-2/273	Sr.
6-2/250	Sr.
6-3/298	Sr.
6-2/210	Jr.
6-1/228	Sr.
6-0/222	Sr.
6-3/230	Jr.
6-1/184	Sr.
5-11/197	Soph.
6-3/212	Sr.
6-2/201	Sr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	CARLOS HUERTA, Miami (Fla.)
P	SCOTT BRYANT, Southern Mississippi

Ht./Wt.	Class
5-9/175	Jr.
6-2/190	Jr.

*Selected as all-purpose player.

Mississippi State. Playing for guaranteed money at such stops helps pay the bills, but it doesn't do much for your won-lost record.

Still, there is reason for optimism in 1990, primarily in the form of Brett Favre, who holds almost every Southern Miss offensive record and ranks among the best quarterbacks in the South. The 6-2 senior completed 206 of 381 passes last fall for 2,588 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Four starters return on the offensive line, headed by offensive tackle Chris Ryals. Southern Miss lost two of its top three rushers and all three of its top receivers, but the cupboard isn't bare.

Good things are expected from tailback Eddie Ray Jackson and wide receiver Michael Jackson. And specialist Tony Smith is back after leading Division I-A in kickoff returns with a 32.5 average.

On defense, all four starters return in the secondary, including cornerback Simmie Carter and safety Kerry Valrie. But there are big holes to fill at linebacker and on the defensive line.

Scott Bryant, one of the top punters in the nation, should see plenty of action in 1990.

VIRGINIA TECH

Coach: Frank Beamer (11-21-1, 3 years; 53-44-3 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 6-4-1.

Key losses: Roger Brown, CB; Randy Cockrell, LB; Rich Fox, FB; Scott Hill, DT; Jock Jones, LB; Sean Lucas, LB; Bobby Martin, LB; Brian McCall, TE; Skip

SECOND TEAM**OFFENSE**

Pos.	Name, School
WR	*ROBERT BROOKS, South Carolina
WR	ROB CARPENTER, Syracuse
WR	OLANDA TRUITT, Pittsburgh
TE	CHRIS GEDNEY, Syracuse
T	MATT McCARTIN, Penn State
T	JOHN RAY, West Virginia
C	MIKE HELDT, Notre Dame
G	JEROME ANDERSON, Louisiana Tech
G	HAYWARD HAYNES, Florida State
OB	STACEY ROBINSON, Northern Illinois
FB	LEONARD CONLEY, Miami (Fla.)
FB	STEVE McGuIRE, Miami (Fla.)

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-1/180	Jr.
6-2/188	Jr.
6-1/190	Soph.
6-5/236	Soph.
6-5/270	Jr.
6-10/330	Jr.
6-4/267	Sr.
6-3/291	Sr.
6-3/275	Sr.
6-1/192	Sr.
5-9/170	Sr.
5-11/219	Soph.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
NG	ANDY KIRKLAND, Navy
DL	SHANE CURRY, Miami (Fla.)
DL	PAT DeCUIR, Southwestern Louisiana
DL	GEORGE ROOKS, Syracuse
DL	KENYATA RUSH, Temple
ILB	MICHAEL BARROW, Miami (Fla.)
ILB	JOHN CLARK, Akron
OLB	ANDRE JONES, Notre Dame
OLB	RICARDO McDONALD, Pittsburgh
CB	TERRELL BUCKLEY, Florida State
CB	SIMMIE CARTER, Southern Mississippi
S	DERRICK FIELDS, East Carolina
S	DARRELL WHITMORE, West Virginia

Ht./Wt.	Class
6-0/233	Sr.
6-4/260	Sr.
6-6/288	Sr.
6-4/277	Jr.
6-4/250	Sr.
6-1/222	Soph.
6-3/240	Jr.
6-4/225	Sr.
6-2/230	Jr.
5-10/175	Soph.
6-1/175	Sr.
6-2/201	Soph.
6-2/202	Jr.

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	JOHN IVANIC, Northern Illinois
P	DAREN PARKER, South Carolina

Ht./Wt.	Class
5-9/160	Sr.
5-11/180	Sr.

Pavlik, G. Myron Richardson, SE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *William Boatwright, G, 6-3/297, Jr.; Phil Bryant, FB, 5-10/205, Jr.; *Jimmy Bryson, T, 6-1/266, Sr.; Bo Campbell, WR, 5-11/190, Soph.; *Eugene Chung, T, 6-5/280, Jr.; Greg Daniels, TE, 6-2/232, Jr.; *Will Furrer, QB, 6-3/215, Jr.; Tony Kennedy, TB, 5-11/205, Soph.; *Marcus Mickel, FL, 5-10/190, Jr.; John Rehme, G, 6-2/270, Jr.; Rob Vaughan, C, 6-1/250, Sr. **Defense:** Melendez Byrd, ILB, 6-1/215, Soph.; *Al Chamblee, E, 6-0/245, Sr.; *Bryan Campbell, T, 6-0/262, Jr.; *John Granby, CB, 6-2/194, Sr.; Darwin Herdman, OLB, 6-3/218, Sr.; Stephan Holloway, T, 6-2/279, Soph.; Archie Hopkins, OL, 6-0/205, Sr.; Greg Lassiter, CB, 5-10/182, Soph.; Rusty Pendleton, ILB, 6-2/199, Soph.; *Damien Russell, S, 6-2/205, Jr.; *Jimmy Whitten, E, 6-3/263, Sr.

Other key players: Marvin Arrington, OT, Soph.; Bernard Basham, DE, Fr. (RS); Chris Baucia, P, Sr.; Karl Borden, CB, Sr.; Nick Cullen, FL, Sr.; Vaughn Hebron, TB, Soph.; Anthony Pack, LB, Jr.; P.J. Preston, LB, Fr. (RS); Lamar Smith, TB, Sr.; Mickey Thomas, K, Soph.; Marc Verneil, OT, Soph.; Brian Williams, LB, Jr.; Rod Wooten, QB, Jr.

Schedule: At Maryland, Sept. 1; Bowling Green State, Sept. 8; at East Carolina, Sept. 15; South Carolina, Sept. 22; at Florida State, Sept. 29; West Virginia, Oct. 6; at Temple, Oct. 20; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 27; North Carolina State, Nov. 3; at Georgia Tech, Nov. 10; Virginia, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Hokies.

Site: Blacksburg, Va.

For Frank Beamer, the third year was a charm. After winning a total of five games in his first two seasons at Tech, the Hokies broke through last fall to finish 6-4-1.

Among the victories was a stunning 12-10 conquest of West Virginia, at Morgantown no less, and a 17-17 tie at South Caro-

lina. The Hokies closed strong, too, beating Tulane, Vanderbilt and bowl-bound North Carolina State in their final four games.

"We had a bunch of fighters. The guys never quit scrapping," Beamer said. "We faced one of the toughest schedules in America and came out on the plus side. That's proof we're headed in the right direction."

Especially on offense, where the Hokies return seven starters and two junior quarterbacks with big-game experience. Will Furrer, a two-year starter, will have to win his job back from Rod Wooten, who stepped in when Furrer was injured against Virginia and led the Hokies to 50 points in six quarters.

Whoever runs the show will have backs Vaughn Hebron (584 yards rushing) and Tony Kennedy (534) at his disposal, plus flanker Marcus Mickel (26 catches).

Up front, starters Eugene Chung, William Boatwright, Jimmy Bryson and Rob Vaughan all return. And don't forget kicker Mickey Thomas, who connected on 21 of 25 field-goal attempts.

If there's a dark cloud in the picture, it's a defense that returns only five starters from a 1989 unit that yielded a stingy 83.1 rushing yards and 16.4 points per game.

Ends Al Chamblee and Jimmy Whitten are back along with tackle Bryan Campbell, but all four linebackers must be replaced.

The Hokies should be strong in a secondary that includes cornerback John Granby and safety Damien Russell.

SW LOUISIANA

Coach: Nelson Stokley (25-19, 4 years).

1989 record: 7-4.

Key losses: Keith Annusis, S; Dexter Gatewood, DE; Brian Mitchell, QB; Felton Parquet, FB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Louis Age, T, 6-7/320, Jr.; *P.D. Broussard, RB, 5-9/185, Sr.; *Wayde Butler, SB, 5-11/180, Soph.; Damon Denaburg, FB, 5-9/205, Soph.; James Freeman, QB, 6-2/207, Soph. (RS); Adam Johnson, G, 6-4/277, Jr.; *Quent McCollom, WR, 5-10/162, Sr.; *Chip Morgan, C, 6-3/238, Sr.; *Paul Norton, T, 6-3/273, Sr.; *Corey Williams, WR, 5-10/175, Sr.; *Troy Wingerter, G, 6-3/265, Jr. **Defense:** *Van Ray Alexander, S, 5-11/182, Sr.; James Atkins, T, 6-6/275, Soph.; *Clifford Champ, OLB, 6-1/230, Sr.; *Donald Collins, CB, 5-9/179, Jr.; *Pat Decuir, T, 6-6/288, Sr.; Dwayne Fontenette, OLB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Peter Hypolite, S, 5-9/188, Jr.; *Blake Meischen, NG, 6-0/238, Sr.; *Rudolph Pennimon, ILB, 6-2/232, Sr.; *Todd Scott, CB, 5-10/213, Sr.; William Sims, ILB, 6-3/235, Soph.

Other key players: Robert Arvie, LB, Jr.; Matt Cruse, OT, Fr.; Rodney Duhon, S, Soph.; Sam Eager, FB, Soph.; Lamar Evans, LB, Soph.; Jonas Francois, LB, Soph.; Adrian Head, RB, Fr.; Kim Hebert, P, Sr.; John Howard, RB, Jr.; Geoff LeJeune, WB, Jr.; Mike Lemoine, K, Sr.; LaQuincy Phillips, DT, Sr.; *Roderick Tripp, OG, Jr.

Schedule: At Tulane, Sept. 1; Nicholls State, Sept. 8; at Texas A&M, Sept. 15; East Carolina, Sept. 22; at Louisiana Tech, Sept. 29; Alabama, Oct. 6; at Tulsa, Oct. 20; at Memphis State, Oct. 27; Southern Mississippi, Nov. 3; at Arkansas State, Nov. 10; Northern Illinois, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns.

Site: Lafayette, La.

For Nelson Stokley, 7-4 never looked so good. After three consecutive 6-5 seasons, his Ragin' Cajuns took one big step forward last season. And who knows what to expect in 1990 from a team that returns 18 of 22 starters?

"This could be our best football team ever," Stokley said, "because of the number of seniors (25) we have and the experience we've got at most positions."

Unfortunately, one of the few missing links in Stokley's run-and-shoot offense is a big one. Star quarterback Brian Mitchell completed his eligibility last fall after becoming the first player in NCAA history to rush for 3,000 yards and pass for 5,000 in his career. Sophomore James Freeman could inherit the job, but senior Jeff Miller will offer a big challenge and freshmen Tim Birotte and Tyjuan Hayes will be waiting in the wings.

Whoever gets the job will be surrounded by experienced hands.

Tackle Paul Norton is the leader of a solid offensive line that returns intact. The wide receiving corps features Quent McCollom and sophomore slotback Wayne Butler.

Mitchell garnered most of last year's rushing yardage (1,311) from his quarterback position, but look for tailback P.D. Broussard and fullback Damon Denaburg to carry more of a load in 1990.

Defensive tackles Pat Decuir and James Atkins are the key men on an experienced defense that must replace only two starters. Noseguard Blake Meischen also returns to the front wall. Clifford Champ and Rudolph Pennimon form the heart of a good linebacking unit. Three starters, including talented cornerbacks Todd Scott, return to the secondary.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Jerry Pettibone (27-27-1, 5 years).

1989 record: 9-2.

Key losses: Phil Bucaro, DT; Ron Delisi, LB; Joe Guwua, G; Ted Hennings, DT; Brett Tucker, CB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Chad Bullock, T, 6-4/246, Sr.; *Kurt Cassidy, SE, 6-3/194, Sr.; *Adam Dach, FB, 6-0/210, Jr.; *Scott Elliot, G, 6-5/270, Sr.; *Eric Fiene, T, 6-3/268, Sr.; *Corey Ray, HB, 5-8/176, Sr.; *Stacey Robinson, QB, 6-1/192, Sr.; *Claude Royster, TE, 6-3/225, Sr.; *Mike Strasser, HB, 5-8/181, Sr.; *Eric Wenckowski, C, 6-3/253, Sr.; Mike Westrick, G, 6-2/253, Jr. **Defense:** *Cary Caliendo, E, 6-3/245, Sr.; *Kevin Cassidy, S, 6-3/195, Sr.; *Steve Christian, OLB, 6-1/202, Jr.; Jeff Geary, CB, 5-11/184, Jr.; *Nick Jones, ILB, 6-1/224, Jr.; Steve Kurtz, ILB, 6-2/218, Soph.; Tom Osteen, T, 6-2/261, Soph.; *James Randall, OLB, 6-2/225, Sr.; *Earl Upton, CB, 5-11/197, Sr.; *Scott Van Bellinger, E, 6-5/245, Jr.; Rob Wagner, T, 6-3/236, Soph.

Other key players: Cory Blake, TE, Jr.; Darin Buchanan, OG, Jr.; Brad Capes, DE, Soph.; Mark Clancy, SE, Sr.; Brian Cotton, FB, Fr.; Rich Favor, CB, Soph.; Scott Hein, LB, Soph.; Tyrone Isaac, HB, Soph.; John Ivanic, K, Sr.; Phil Katona, OT, Fr.; Raymond Patterson, HB, Soph.; Tom Rhomberg, CB, Soph.; Frank Sweeney, DT, Soph.

Schedule: Eastern Illinois, Sept. 1; at Nebraska, Sept. 8; at Toledo, Sept. 15; Kansas State, Sept. 22; at Northwestern, Sept. 29; Fresno State, Oct. 6; Arkansas State, Oct. 13; Murray State, Oct. 20; at Akron, Nov. 3; at East Carolina, Nov. 10; at Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Huskies.

Site: De Kalb, Ill.

Only 12 teams in Division I-A had better records than Northern Illinois last year. But because of a lack of name recognition and an unglamorous schedule, the Huskies were 9-2 with no place to go.

"We felt we were a bowl-worthy team last year," said Coach Jerry Pettibone, who is entering his sixth season at the school in DeKalb, Ill. "We had one of the top rushing offenses in the country and we finished 9-2. This year? A bowl. Any kind of a bowl. That's our major goal for our team this year."

The Huskies certainly have the kind of tools that can make dreams come true—like a roster full of returning lettermen, 10 returning starters on offense and seven more on defense.

Hopefully for Huskies fans, the star of Northern's wishbone show, quarterback Stacey Robinson, got his act together in the classroom during the off-season. Robinson missed part of spring practice for academic reasons. On the field, Robinson has few peers as an option quarterback, rushing for an NCAA quarterback record 1,443 yards and 19 touchdowns last season. All told, Robinson set 14 school records and set or tied three NCAA marks.

"Oklahoma would die, they'd even kill for Stacey Robinson," said Pettibone, a Sooner alumnus. "They'd slit both wrists and crawl all the way from Norman to DeKalb to get Stacey Robinson. He's that good a wishbone quarterback."

Robinson's supporting cast includes fullback Adam Dach, who rushed for 714 yards last season, place-kicker John Ivanic, who holds eight school records, and Eric Wenckowski, who centers a talented offensive line that also includes guard Scott Elliot and tackles Eric Fiene and Chad Bullock.

Seven starters return to a respectable defense that was largely overshadowed by Robinson's offensive dramatics in 1990. Cary Caliendo and Scott Van Bellinger anchor the front line from their end positions and Kevin Cassidy returns with Dave Jensen to the secondary.

Linebacker Nick Jones is the Huskies' top returning tackler.

ARMY

Coach: Jim Young (45-34-1, 7 years; 114-66-2 overall, 16 years).

1989 record: 6-5.

Key losses: Pete Andrysiak, OG; Ben Barnett, FB; Pat Davie, LB, Bert DeForest, LB; Jack Frey, OG; Will Huff, DT; Sean Jordan, SE; Tim Ladouceur, DT; Rod Otte, NG; Mike O'Toole, LB; Carlton Rice, OT; John Silvers, OT; Mike Thorson, CB; Bob Wagner, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Doug Baker, T, 6-1/240, Sr. (switched from TE); *Calvin Cass, HB, 5-10/176, Sr.; John Chalout, G, 6-5/275, Jr.; Mark Dawkins, TE, 6-4/223, Jr.; Greg Cleveland, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; *Mike Mayweather, HB, 5-8/184, Sr.; *Bryan McWilliams, QB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Edrian Oliver, SE, 5-9/182, Jr. (switched from HB); *Bret Petkus, G, 6-3/255, Sr. (switched from T); *Bill Speier, C, 6-0/236, Sr.; Callian Thomas, FB, 5-9/195, Jr. **Defense:** Lance Chambers, T, 6-3/246, Jr.; Tod Childs, NG, 6-2/240, Sr.; Percy Coard, CB, 5-9/178, Jr.; *Jerry Farnsworth, S, 6-1/190, Sr.; Trey Gilmore, ILB, 6-2/225, Jr.; *Ed Givens, CB, 6-0/180, Sr.; *Mike McElrath, S, 5-10/182, Soph.; Greg Mogavero, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Chet Nadolski, OLB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Rone Reed, OLB, 6-2/225, Sr.; *John Robb, ILB, 6-1/220, Sr.

Other key players: Rick Angle, CB, Sr.; Geoff Binney, K, Sr.; Brent Bourne, OG, Sr.; Jason Brocke, P, Sr.; Phil Fant, HB, Soph.; Scott Jerald, HB, Jr.; Chris Knox, LB, Soph.; Bart Leatherwood, HB, Jr.; Willie McMillian, QB, Jr.; Dan Menendez, TE, Jr.; Anthony Noto, LB, Sr.

Schedule: Holy Cross, Sept. 15; Virginia Military Institute, Sept. 22; at Wake Forest, Sept. 29; Duke, Oct. 6; at Boston College, Oct. 13; Lafayette, Oct. 20; Syracuse, Oct. 27; Rutgers, Nov. 3; Air Force, Nov. 10; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 17; Navy (at Philadelphia), Dec. 8.

Nickname: Cadets.

Site: West Point, N.Y.

The 1990 season should be gravy for talented Cadet running back Mike Mayweather. The 5-8, 184-pound senior already holds the school records for career and single-season rushing yards.

Mayweather capped an outstanding three-year run with a career-high 1,177 yards and scored 13 touchdowns for the 6-5 Cadets, pushing his career total to 2,961 yards. He'll be looking for his third straight 1,000-yard season this fall.

One of 10 children raised in adverse circumstances in St. Louis, Mayweather was 6 years old when his father died.

"It's been a hard road traveled; there's no doubt about that," Mayweather said. "There's no way I could have envisioned what has happened."

Mayweather was invited to the Heisman Trophy ceremonies last year and should be a bona fide All-America candidate in 1990. But the road to such honors is not always easy and the yards could be tougher to come by with this Army team.

Starting quarterback Bryan McWilliams is back, as is Calvin Cass, the other halfback in the Cadets' wishbone. Full-

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back Callian Thomas also has starting experience.

But only center Bill Speier and tackle Bret Petkus return to clear a path for Mayweather. Coach Jim Young has high hopes for 6-5, 275-pound guard Steve Chaloult, the biggest player on Army's roster, but the blocking unit could require time to grow.

The Cadets face a similar predicament on defense, where Young has proven talent in the secondary but faces a major rebuilding job up front.

Cornerback Ed Givens, the team leader with six interceptions last year, will anchor an excellent back line that also includes safeties Jerry Farnsworth and Mike McElrath. Inside man John Robb will be asked to steady a young and inexperienced linebacking corps and senior noseguard Tod Childs must provide the same service for the front line.

RUTGERS

Coach: Doug Gruber (first year at Rutgers; 6-5 overall, 1 year).

1989 record: 2-7-2.

Key losses: Scott Blanche, TE; Mike Botti, RB; Darrin Czeliec, DB; Jeff Erickson, C; Scott Erney,

QB; Doug Giesler, K; Bill Hiros, OT; Vaughn McKoy, DB; Tyrone McQueen, WR; Bill Milano, OT; Joe Savoy, DT; Bob Speidel, LB; Steve Tardy, OG; Pat Udovich, LB; Nick Urda, G.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Travis Broadbent, C, 6-2/255, Soph.; *James Cann, TB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Bill Chesna, QB, 6-3/210, Jr.; Tim Christ, G, 6-5/274, Jr.; Tekay Dorsey, FB, 6-0/218, Soph. (transfer/Miami, Fla.); Donald Forbes, T, 6-3/263, Sr.; *Randy Jackson, WR, 5-7/165, Sr.; James Jenkins, TE, 6-3/235, Sr.; Randy Jackson, WR, 5-7/165, Sr.; Doug Kavulich, G, 6-2/250, Soph.; Allen Mitchell, T, 6-4/275, Jr. **Defense:** *Ron Allen, CB, 5-7/165, Jr.; Joe Ciaffoni, NT, 6-3/240, Fr. (RS); Eric Deering, S, 5-10/173, Sr.; Chris Jones, E, 6-2/240, Fr. (RS); Jamil Jackson, ILB, 5-11/210, Fr. (RS); Todd Lane, ILB, 6-1/225, Soph.; *Scott Miller, E, 6-4/250, Sr.; *Marshall Roberts, CB, 5-9/170, Jr.; *Elnardo Webster, OLB, 6-3/225, Jr.; Willie Wilkes, S, 6-2/210, Sr.; *Shawn Williams, OLB, 6-3/225, Soph.

Other key players: Ron Bugg, DB, Sr.; Darren Howell, DE, Fr. (RS); Malik Jackson, LB (Fr.); Pete Kofitas, T, Soph.; Tim Lester, LB, Sr.; Gary Melton, FL, Jr.; Antoine Moore, RB, Soph. (transfer/Georgia Tech); Chris Roberts, RB, Sr.; Tom Tarver, QB, Jr.

Schedule: Kentucky, Sept. 8; Colgate, Sept. 15; at Penn State, Sept. 22; Michigan State, Sept. 29; at Boston College, Oct. 6; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 13; at Syracuse, Oct. 20; Akron, Oct. 27; at Army, Nov. 3; West Virginia, Nov. 10; at Temple, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Scarlet Knights.

Site: New Brunswick, N.J.

In six seasons at Rutgers, Dick Anderson never could get the Scarlet Knights over the hump. So after a 2-7-2 record last year that included three losses by seven points or less, Rutgers hired Doug Gruber as the school's 23rd head coach.

The 45-year-old Gruber, who has been described as intense and thorough, has an extensive defensive resume, featuring several stints in both the NFL and the college ranks. His only collegiate head coaching stop resulted in a 6-5 record for Montana State in 1982.

Gruber plans to install a pro-style offense and defense, and Rutgers fans will evaluate the new system while watching a new cast of characters. Only two starters return from an offense that had been directed for the last four seasons by quarterback Scott Erney.

The only quarterback on campus with game experience is senior Tom Tarver, and he doesn't have much: 17 completions in 23 attempts for 288 yards.

Also in the quarterback picture are Bill Chesna, who shared the punting duties last year, lefthander Derek McCord and 1989 redshirt Albie Mallen.

The Knights are in better shape at the other skill positions with the return of tailback James Cann and wide receivers Randy Jackson and Gary Melton. Cann rushed for 429 yards, caught passes for 507 yards and scored 10 touchdowns last season. Melton caught 33 passes and Jackson led the team in reception yards with 599.

Gruber, however, will have to start from scratch on an offensive line that lost all five starters.

Things are more settled for a defense that returns Scott Miller on the line, and Elnardo Webster, Tim Lester and Shawn Williams at outside linebacker. The return of cornerbacks Ron Allen and Marshall Roberts leaves only holes at inside linebacker and safety to fill.

MEMPHIS STATE

Coach: Chuck Stobart (2-9, 1 year; 42-57-2 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 2-9.

Key losses: Tory Epps, NG; Tim Jones, QB; Rodney Lewis, DT; Eddie Moore, S; Wayne Pryor, FB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Keith Bland, T, 6-5/299, Sr. (switched from G); *Chuck Boler, T, 6-5/295, Sr.; Leon Bosby, FB, 6-2/224, Soph.; *Russell Copeland, WR, 6-1/190, Soph.; Marvin Cox, TB, 5-10/206, Sr.; *Van Drayton, FL, 6-1/181, Sr.; Tommy Ferrari, QB, 6-1/191, Jr.; *James Maclin, G, 6-1/286, Jr.; *Joe Stanley, G, 6-5/286, Soph. (switched from T); Clark Stevenson, C, 6-2/256, Jr.; *Ricky Windom, TE, 6-3/260, Jr. **Defense:** *Bobby Avery, E, 6-2/212, Soph.; Kenny Duffy, S, 6-0/200, Sr.; *Jeff Harris, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.; Nyrone Hawkins, T, 6-1/282, Soph.; Chris Hobbs, NG, 6-1/236, Soph.; *Reginald Jones, CB, 6-2/201, Sr.; *Kevin Jordan, E, 6-3/215, Soph.; *Glenn Rogers, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; *Scott Rumley, LB, 6-0/240, Sr.; *Steve Smith, CB, 5-11/192, Sr.; *Lish Trice, T, 6-3/250, Sr.

Other key players: William Arnold, FL, Sr.; Heath Bookout, OG, Soph.; Gary Bouldin, QB, Soph.; John Bush, WR, Soph.; Jeff Bynum, FB, Soph.; Curt Craig, K, Sr.; Xavier Crawford, TB, Soph.; Rick Fredette, NG, Sr.; Jeff Fite, P, Sr.; Chris Graham, DE, Soph.; Marlowe Hinson, OT, Fr.; Carlos Hollowell, LB, Sr.; Pat Jansen, DT, Soph.; Theodis Macklin, TB, Sr.; Chris Michael, S, Fr.; David Schlarbaum, LB, Sr.



Rick Mirer

threw only 30 times as Rice's backup last fall, completing 15 with one interception, and wasn't asked to run much. Kelchner was asked to do everything—as the prep team quarterback.

Mirer isn't the runner that Rice was, but he's a much better passer. He displayed pinpoint control in the spring, throwing only one interception while averaging 21 passes per scrimmage. So, the Irish will simply adjust by toning down the option attack that Rice had directed so well.

Bottom line: Unless Mirer falls, too, the Irish are in good shape at quarterback.

—BILL BILINSKI

As usual, no one is sending Holtz any sympathy cards. Mirer had been working with the first unit all spring and is highly regarded for his strong arm. And Kelchner will be a solid backup if his collarbone mends properly.

"They both do some good things," Holtz said. "... They've both proven to me they're capable of playing."

Both lack game experience. Mirer

Tony Semple, OT, Fr.

Schedule: Arkansas State, Sept. 1; at Mississippi, Sept. 8; Central Florida, Sept. 22; at Tulsa, Sept. 29; Tulane, Oct. 6; at Louisville, Oct. 13; at Southern Mississippi, Oct. 20; Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 27; East Carolina, Nov. 3; Mississippi State, Nov. 10; at Florida State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Memphis, Tenn.

Talk about coaching by the seat of your pants. Chuck Stobart barely had time for introductions when he was named head coach in July 1989. Five weeks after Stobart replaced Charlie Bailey, who resigned amid an NCAA investigation, players reported for fall practice. Less than two months after his arrival, the Tigers opened the season against Mississippi.

The Tigers were competitive early, losing by a touchdown to Ole Miss and by four points to Arkansas State before defeating Vanderbilt and Cincinnati. But injuries took their toll and the Tigers crumbled down the stretch, losing their last five games to finish 2-9. Only once during that stretch did the Tigers even come close, losing by 24 or more points in the other four.

This time around, Stobart has a better idea of what to expect. And his team will be playing a more realistic schedule. Gone are Southeastern Conference powers Alabama and Florida. Newcomers include Central Florida, Tulsa, East Carolina and Southwestern Louisiana.

Stobart, whose background is almost exclusively on offense, welcomes back his entire offensive line, leading rusher Marvin Cox (844 yards) and four of his top five receivers. The best of the bunch up front is guard Keith Bland, who will start for the third year in a row. The biggest area of uncertainty is quarterback, where Stobart will choose between Tommy Ferrari and Gary Bouldin.

The Tigers' defensive charge will be led by a pair of linebackers—former Southern Methodist transfer Scott Rumley, the team's leading tackler, and Jeff Harris. Former Arkansas transfer Reginald Jones and 1989 interception leader Glenn Rogers (four) head an experienced secondary.

Tackle Lish Trice and ends Bobby Avery and Kevin Jordan have experience that Stobart hopes will translate into better play.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Coach: Jack Bicknell (55-48-1, 9 years; 73-83-2 overall, 14 years).

1989 record: 2-9.

Key losses: Jeff Baker, CB; Marcus Cherry, FL; Ed Duran, S; Chris Gildea, NG; Peter Gray, DT; Mark Kamphaus, QB; Rico Labbe, S; Bill Scavone, C; Brian Schoenle, OG.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Mark Anken, G, 6-2/272, Sr.; *Mike Bumpus, G, 6-3/280, Sr.; *Mark Chmura, TE, 6-6/231, Jr.; Willie Hicks, QB, 5-10/179, Jr.; Ray Hilvert, SE, 6-0/177, Sr.; *Mike Jovanovich, T, 6-2/289, Jr.; *Matt Metz, T, 6-4/270, Jr.; Mike Ratigan, C, 6-3/253, Sr. (switched from G); *Mike Sanders, TB, 6-0/196, Sr.; Kenrick Skerritt, FL, 6-0/168, Jr.; *Ed Toner, FB, 6-0/229, Sr. **Defense:** Charlie Brennan, S, 5-



Boston College's Jack Bicknell could be in for another long season.

11/167, Soph.; *Ivan Caesar, OLB, 6-2/230, Sr.; *David Johnson, S, 5-11/196, Sr.; *Matt Kelley, ILB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Andy Klare, NG, 6-2/256, Jr.; Mike Marino, T, 6-3/260, Soph.; *Kevin Pearson, OLB, 6-3/230, Sr.; Jason Pohopek, LB, 6-1/208, Soph.; *Jon Stolberg, T, 6-2/233, Soph.; Chandler White, CB, 5-10/178, Sr.; Brian Williams, CB, 6-0/189, Sr.

Other key players: Bob Bicknell, TE, Soph.; Kevin Donovan, E, Soph.; Tim Frager, TB, Jr.; Andre Green, SE, Jr.; Bill Kushner, P, Jr.; Tom McManus, LB, Soph.; Ted Page, DT, Fr. (RS); Jason Swepson, FL, Soph.; Sean Wright, K, Fr.

Schedule: At Pittsburgh, Sept. 8; Ohio State, Sept. 15; at Navy, Sept. 29; Rutgers, Oct. 6; Army, Oct. 13; Penn State, Oct. 20; at West Virginia, Oct. 27; Syracuse, Nov. 3; at Louisville, Nov. 10; at Miami (Fla.), Nov. 17; Temple, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Eagles.

Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The Eagles were grounded by several near-misses last fall, losing five games by a total of 15 points. It added up to a 2-9 season, their third losing campaign in a row and the worst record for Coach Jack Bicknell in nine seasons at Boston College.

"Cowboy Jack" better be ready to ride early this fall, because the Eagles open with Pittsburgh and Ohio State. The defending national champion Miami Hurricanes are new to the schedule.

There is hope for an offense that returns tailback Mike Sanders, tight end Mark Chmura and cat-quick quarterback Willie Hicks, a junior who started four games last fall. Sanders led the Eagles with 707 rushing yards and Chmura caught a team-high 47 passes.

There has been some shuffling up front, in part because '89 starting right tackle Mark Kennedy will miss the entire 1990 season while recovering from major knee

surgery. The Eagles have moved left tackle Mike Jovanovich to Kennedy's spot on the right side and have switched guard Mike Ratigan to center. Matt Metz and Mike Bumpus also return to what should be a quality blocking unit.

The heart of Boston College's defense will be a linebacking unit that returns three 100-plus tacklers in Matt Kelley, Ivan Caesar and Kevin Pearson. Caesar also led the Eagles in quarterback sacks (six) and tackles for a loss (13).

Tackle Jon Stolberg is the only returnee to a defensive line that will otherwise have to be reconstructed, and cornerback David Johnson will anchor a secondary that must replace three starters.

TULSA

Coach: Dave Rader (10-13, 2 years).

1989 record: 6-6 (lost to Oregon in Independence Bowl).

Key losses: Craig Anderson, DB; Dan Bitson, SE; Matt Luke, LB; Marcus McVay, FL; Mike Rosson, DT; Gary Treat, TE; Lenny Williams, S.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Brett Adams, FB, 5-11/216, Sr.; Bill Buehner, TE, 6-1/232, Soph.; *Mark Brus, TB, 6-1/215, Sr.; *Chris Fancher, T, 6-2/279, Sr.; Willie Hill, FL, 6-1/174, Soph.; Archie Malloy, SE, 6-3/195, Sr.; *Wes McCalip, G, 6-3/285, Sr.; *Todd McGuire, C, 6-4/257, Jr.; *Jerry Ostroski, T, 6-4/305, Jr.; T.J. Rubley, QB, 6-4/198, Sr.; *Gus Spanos, G, 6-1/275, Sr. **Defense:** *Eric Barrs, CB, 6-1/189, Sr.; *Chris Briscoe, S, 6-0/196, Sr.; Lee Durham, S, 6-3/194, Sr.; *Phil Holmes, NG, 6-1/281, Soph.; Craig Jones, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; David Owens, E, 6-4/247, Sr.; Sidney Prince, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; *Dan Tarabrella, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; *Richard Wales, OLB, 6-2/247, Sr.; *Mike White, ILB, 6-0/245, Jr.; *Derrick Williams, OLB, 6-1/225, Sr.

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Other key players: Ron Beasley, TB, Sr.; Louis Curtis, CB/S, Jr. (JC); Jeff Frost, DT, Jr. (JC); Lamont Head, TB, Fr. (RS); Keith High, SE, Fr. (RS); Ron Jackson, TB, Soph.; Barry Minter, OLB, Soph.; Dan Perkins, T, Soph.; Danny Phelps, P, Jr.; Brian Piotrowski, G, Soph.; Jace Seals, K, Jr.; Lou Spanos, G, Soph.; Brian Thompson, SE, Soph.; Jerome Wright, NG, Soph.

Schedule: At Oklahoma State, Sept. 1; Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 8; at Arkansas, Sept. 15; at Oklahoma, Sept. 22; Memphis State, Sept. 29; at Louisville, Oct. 6; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 13; Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 20; at New Mexico State, Oct. 27; at Colorado State, Nov. 10; Montana State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Golden Hurricane.

Site: Tulsa, Okla.

With a pair of All-America prospects coming back at quarterback and wide receiver, Tulsa fans had visions of offensive fireworks in 1990. But that fireworks display was cut in half last December when Dan Bitson, one of the most prolific pass catchers in the nation, was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

Bitson, who caught 73 passes for 1,425 yards and 16 touchdowns last fall, spent the off-season recuperating from multiple injuries that included two broken legs, a fractured wrist, a fractured kneecap, severe ligament damage in both knees and

damage to the nerves that control his right foot. If he plays again, it won't be before the 1991 or '92 season.

Quarterback T.J. Rubley, who holds six Tulsa career passing records, and his Golden Hurricane teammates still are trying to get over his loss.

"We'll try to open up the field a little more," Rubley said. "But it puts a lot of pressure on us. We'll have to go 10 or 12 plays and execute perfectly now if we want to score."

Tulsa's 6-6 record last year included a 27-24 loss to Oregon in the Independence Bowl. Without Bitson hauling in Rubley's passes, the Hurricane will be hard pressed to match that record against a schedule that includes Arkansas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Louisville.

The offensive line, featuring tackle Jerry Ostroski and guard Wes McCalip, returns intact, 1,071-yard rusher Brett Adams is back and the defense, led by a strong linebacking corps, is expected to be better.

Steady senior Archie Malloy will replace Bitson in the starting lineup, but the wideout candidates with breakaway speed are Willie Hill and redshirt freshman Keith High. The offense also should

benefit from the return of Mark Brus, although sophomore Ron Jackson is believed to be more of a breakaway threat.

"I think we'll all realize during the first game this year that we no longer have Dan to bail us out," Rubley said. "We'll have to do it ourselves."

Leading the defensive charge will be linebackers Richard Wales, Derrick Williams and Mike White. Tackle Dan Tarabrella and noseguard Phil Holmes return to anchor the front line and Eric Barrs and Chris Briscoe return to the secondary.

TULANE

Coach: Greg Davis (9-14, 2 years).

1989 record: 4-8.

Key losses: Lonnie Marts, LB; Jerome McIntosh, WR; Michael Pierce, TB; Fred Plunkett, OG; Mitchell Price, CB; Richard Sauter, DT; James Toney, FL; John Young, C.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Stanley Barre, FB, 6-0/219, Jr.; Tim Duncan, C, 6-2/262, Sr.; Brian Estep, G, 6-3/254, Jr.; Melvin Ferdinand, WR, 6-2/201, Sr.; *Charles Hobbs, G, 6-1/268, Sr.; *Jeff Kinno, TE, 6-3/241, Sr.; *Mike Milich, T, 6-4/279, Sr.; *Darin Shoulders, T, 6-3/281, Sr.; *Deron Smith, QB, 6-4/216, Sr.; *Terrance Strickland, TB, 6-0/195, Jr.; Jerry Ursin, FL, 6-2/214, Jr. **Defense:** *Ray Benford, E, 6-2/240, Jr.; *Lenzer Burton, S, 6-2/205, Sr.; Ronnie Clement, T, 6-3/273, Jr.; Roscoe Davis, OLB, 6-3/248, Jr.; Corey Dowden, CB, 5-9/182, Sr.; *Rod McDowell, S, 6-0/180, Soph.; *Mike Riley, CB, 5-11/178, Sr.; *Jay Rink, E, 6-2/255, Sr.; *Brian Ryder, ILB, 6-2/230, Sr.; *Pat Stant, ILB, 6-4/240, Sr.; *Andrew Treadway, T, 6-4/256, Sr.

Other key players: Derwin Antoine, TB, Soph. (RS); Sam Atkins, G, Jr. (transfer/Alabama); Michael Batiste, DT, Fr. (RS); Gary Butler, K, Soph.; Vince Mulmore, LB, Sr. (RS); Mark Thornhill, S, Soph. (RS).

Schedule: Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 1; at Rice, Sept. 8; Southern Methodist, Sept. 15; Florida State, Sept. 22; at Mississippi, Sept. 29; at Memphis State, Oct. 6; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 13; Mississippi State, Oct. 20; Cincinnati, Oct. 27; at Syracuse, Nov. 10; at Louisiana State, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Green Wave.

Site: New Orleans.



Greg Jones

more balanced offense this fall. The Mountaineers ran 69 percent of the time in 1989, but they plan to take advantage of Jones' arm, which is much stronger than Harris'.

"I'd say it will be about 50-50, run and pass," Jones said. "We just won't run as much option."

Jones said he feels no pressure succeeding Harris, who praised his friend the day he decided to turn pro.

"I feel I'm the best quarterback in the country," Harris said. "I think the only guy who can compete with me is Greg Jones. I think Greg Jones will have a lot of heads rolling next year."

—MIKE WHITE

Tulane, one of the more explosive teams in Division I-A in 1986, '87 and '88, took a year off to rebuild. The Green Wave was not exactly punchless (it averaged 20.6 points per game), but the young lineup lacked consistency and was prone to make untimely mistakes. That translated into a 4-8 record.

Things could get back to normal in 1990, however, with players such as quarterback Deron Smith and tailback Terrance Strickland maturing into top-flight performers. Smith passed for 2,613 yards as a first-time starter last season, and third-year Coach Greg Davis expects Strickland to develop into one of the best all-purpose backs in the country.

Smith and Strickland won't be alone in an offense that returns seven starters. Fullback Stanley Barre returns to complement Strickland in the backfield, while tackle Darin Shoulders is the top performer on a line that returns three blockers.

Davis' biggest offensive concern will be finding replacements at wide receiver to go with returning tight end Jeff Kinno.

A defensive unit that allowed 381.6 yards and 28.1 points per game should be much improved.

Jay Rink and Andrew Treadway are bullish linemen. They will be backed up by a solid linebacking corps that includes Pat Stant and Brian Ryder. Cornerback Mike Riley joins safeties Rod McDowell and Lenzer Burton in a solid secondary.

Bettering last year's record is no sure thing for the Green Wave, which faces a schedule that includes three Southeastern Conference schools plus independent powers Florida State and Syracuse.

LOUISIANA TECH

Coach: Joe Raymond Peace (9-11, 2 years).

1989 record: 5-4-1.

Key losses: Derrick Douglas, RB; Derek Fitzhenry, TE; James Jones, CB; Eldonta Osborne, LB; Glenell Sanders, LB; Michael Slaughter, S; Tony Smith, DE; Mike Wood, DE.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *Jerome Anderson, G, 6-3/291, Sr.; *Alan Apple, G, 6-4/242, Jr.; *Eddie Brown, FL, 6-0/198, Sr.; Ron Cook, TE, 6-1/218, Sr. (switched from S); *Glenn Hunt, T, 6-4/262, Jr.; *Gene Johnson, QB, 6-0/203, Jr.; Jerald Kennedy, WB, 5-7/171, Soph.; *Michael Richardson, RB, 5-11/199, Sr.; *Willie Roaf, T, 6-5/268, Soph.; *Bobby Slaughter, SE, 5-11/171, Sr.; *Trey Snodgrass, C, 6-1/263, Sr.

Defense: Lorenzo Baker, OLB, 5-11/206, Jr.; Myron Baker, OLB, 6-2/210, Soph.; Warren Brady, T, 5-11/228, Jr.; *Nate Davis, T, 6-0/272, Sr.; Douglas Evans, S, 6-0/175, Soph.; *Demise Loyd, S, 5-1/193, Jr.; *Howard McMahon, T, 6-3/237, Jr.; *Dwight Nicholas, CB, 5-11/171, Sr.; *Stan Polk, LB, 6-0/222, Sr.; Freddie Smith, CB, 6-0/192, Sr.; Steve Wilson, E, 6-2/212, Soph.

Other key players: Ken Battle, OLB, Fr. (RS); Brad Boozer, P, Sr.; Wade Christensen, TE, Jr. (JC); Scott Collins, C/G, Sr.; Norman Dunn, E, Soph.; Sam Hughes, QB, Soph.; Gerald Lawrence, WB, Fr. (RS); Corey Parham, SE, Soph.; Randy Rogers, K, Jr.; Artha Shine, S, Fr. (RS); Carlton Smith, FK, Sr.

Schedule: At East Carolina, Sept. 1; at McNeese State, Sept. 8; at Western Michigan, Sept. 15; Arkansas State, Sept. 22; Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 29; at Auburn, Oct. 6; at Tulsa, Oct. 13; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 27; at Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 3; Akron, Nov. 10; Colorado State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bulldogs.

Site: Ruston, La.

The Bulldogs discovered that one of the toughest things about moving up to NCAA Division I-A status from I-AA was finding opponents. Coach Joe Raymond Peace's club played only 10 games last season because of scheduling problems, but went 5-4-1 while tackling a schedule that included Florida and Auburn and only two I-AA teams.

Peace welcomes back nine starters on offense in 1990, including headliners Bobby Slaughter at split end and Gene Johnson at quarterback. Peace's redshirt program is beginning to pay off in terms of depth, especially on the offensive line. All five regulars return on the front wall, headed by 291-pound guard Jerome Anderson.

Louisiana Tech must come up with a replacement for talented running back Derrick Douglas. Redshirt freshman Gerald Lawrence may help there as he gains experience. The only other offensive position needing new blood is tight



Tulsa's offense revolves around quarterback T.J. Rubley.

end, where junior college transfer Wade Christensen might become a force once he adjusts to the program.

Things are less settled on defense, where only five starters return. Peace will be forced to go with at least three sophomores on that side of the ball.

The schedule? The still-scrambling Bulldogs will play 11 games this time around—four against I-AA opponents.

NAVY

Coach: George Chaump (first year at Navy; 57-32-2 overall, 8 years).

1989 record: 3-8.

Key losses: James Bradley, HB; Mike Kircher, OT; David Lowe, LB; Mike Maier, G; Scott Prinz, DT; Greg Reppar, DT; Shane Smith, WR; Steve Tazza, DB; Bob Weissenfels, DB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: *David Bergthult, TE, 6-2/225, Sr.; David Britt, T, 6-4/264, Jr.; Jerry Dawson, FL, 5-8/169, Sr.; Dan Dunaway, G, 6-2/245, Jr.; *Bob Friedman, C, 6-1/238, Sr.; *Alton Grizzard, QB, 6-0/196, Sr.; *Greg Hlatky, T, 6-5/254, Sr.; B.J. Mason, SE, 5-7/162, Jr.; *Kwame Moultrie, FB, 5-11/220, Soph.; *Rodney Purifoy, TB, 5-7/186, Jr.; *Carl Voss, G, 6-5/270, Jr. **Defense:** Chris Beck, ILB, 6-1/200, Soph.; Bill Bowling, ILB, 6-1/225, Sr.; *Scott Carson, S, 6-1/190, Sr.; David Christel, T, 6-3/242, Sr.; *Chris Cordero, CB, 5-8/175, Jr.; *Anthony Dominio, OLB, 6-2/227, Sr.; Jay Harrell, OLB, 6-1/214, Sr.; Chris Janke, T, 6-3/251, Sr.; *Andy Kirkland, MG, 6-0/233, Sr.; Bart LaRocca, S, 5-10/189, Sr.; Bill Yancey, CB, 6-0/184, Jr.

Other key players: Chris Alexander, DT, Jr.; Pete Allen, MG, Soph.; Ken Brown, TB, Jr.; Darrell Graham, CB, Soph.; Beau Laskey, ILB, Jr.; David Lillefors, G, Jr.; Frank Schenck, K, Sr.

Schedule: Richmond, Sept. 8; at Virginia, Sept. 15;

Villanova, Sept. 22; Boston College, Sept. 29; at Air Force, Oct. 6; Akron, Oct. 13; James Madison, Oct. 27; Notre Dame (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Nov. 3; at Toledo, Nov. 10; Delaware, Nov. 17; Army (at Philadelphia), Dec. 8.

Nickname: Midshipmen.

Site: Annapolis, Md.

The Midshipmen upset archrival Army, 19-17, a year ago, but that wasn't enough to save Elliot Uzelac's job. So Uzelac, just 3-8 last fall and 8-25 in three seasons at Navy, gave way to George Chaump.

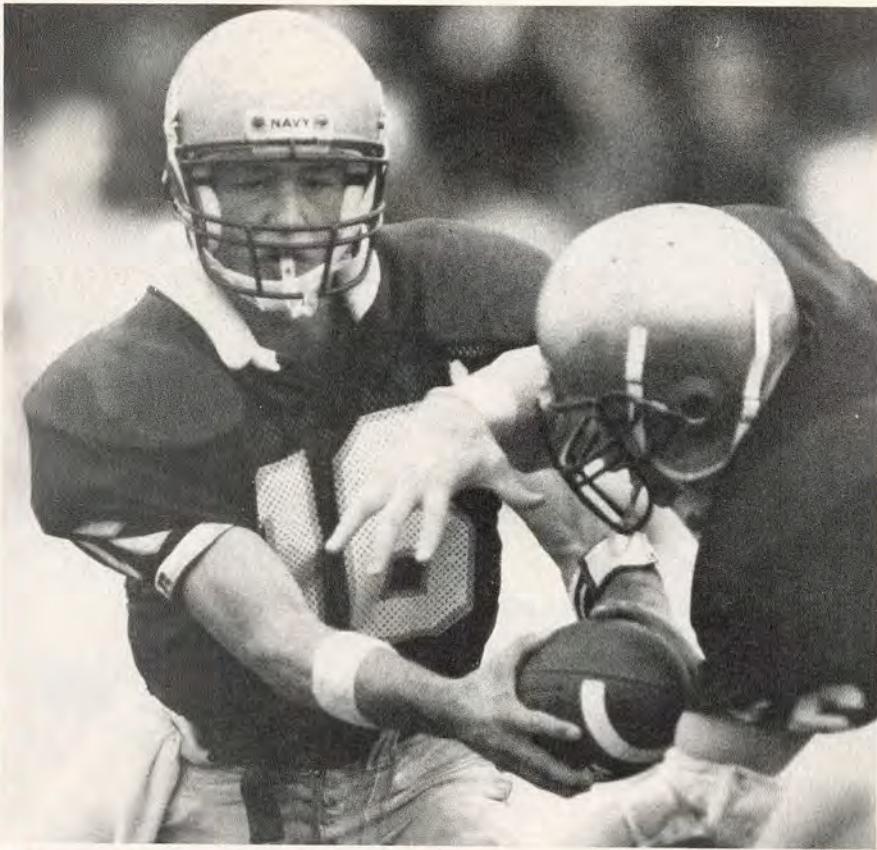
In four years at Marshall, Chaump turned the Thundering Herd into an NCAA Division I-AA power. The Herd went 33-16-1 over that span and made the I-AA playoffs twice.

Chaump, who spent 11 years as Woody Hayes' quarterback coach at Ohio State, inherits a good signal-caller at Navy in Alton Grizzard.

Grizzard has been highly effective while running the Middies' wishbone offense. However, Chaump plans to switch to the pro-style attack he favored at Marshall. Just how Grizzard will adjust to the new alignment remains to be seen, but he figures to benefit greatly from the presence of standout wide receivers B.J. Mason and Jerry Dawson.

Tackle Greg Hlatky is the best of three returning starters on an offensive line that should be bolstered by the comeback of tackle David Britt. Britt, a 264-pound junior, missed the 1989 season because of a knee injury.

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Navy quarterback Alton Grizzard must adjust from running a wishbone offense to a pro-style attack under new Coach George Chaump.

Bill Bowling heads a linebacker corps that should be one of the team's strengths. Middle guard Andy Kirkland is a good one, but he is the only returning starter up front defensively. Kirkland missed spring drills because of back problems.

With the arrival of the new staff, there is an air of optimism in Annapolis. Chaump is a proven winner who has been considered in the past for coaching jobs at Missouri and Ohio State. But he clearly has his work cut out for him at Navy.

AKRON

Coach: Gerry Faust (22-21-1, 4 years; 52-47-2 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 6-4-1.

Key losses: Dave Feather, OT; Mike Johnson, QB; Pierce Joiner, NG; John Motton, S; Jon Susi, OT; Leonard Thomas, WR; Curtis Williams, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Anthony Howard, WR, 6-4/200, Sr.; Brett Jackson, G, 6-4/290, Jr.; Doug Lewis, TB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Tyrone Nelson, FB, 6-0/218, Jr.; Mike O'Connor, C, 6-1/250, Jr.; Mike Orbovich, TE, 6-3/235, Soph.; Gary Ralston, T, 6-3/265, Sr.; Harold Robinson, WR, 5-11/170, Jr.; Chris Shee, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Chris Suttyak, T, 6-7/275, Soph.; Jeff Sweitzer, QB, 6-0/180, Jr. **Defense:** Scott Brown, NG, 6-2/240, Sr.; John Clark, LB, 6-3/240, Jr.; Brian Hilk, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Chris Hill, S, 5-10/170, Sr.; Ozzie Jackson, CB, 5-8/175, Sr.; Bruce Keys, LB, 6-5/220, Soph.; Paul Mays, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Terry Mays, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Clark Tatton, T, 6-5/260, Jr.; Shawn Vincent, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.; Shannon Wolfe, S, 5-11/185, Sr.

Other key players: Daron Alcorn, K/P, Soph.; Wayne Anderson, FB, Fr.; Eric Drakes, DL, Jr. (JC); Mark Friday, QB, Soph. (RS); Marcus Reliford, RB, Jr. (JC); Wayne Wade, QB, Fr.; Jeff Williams,

WR/TB, Sr.

Schedule: Illinois State, Sept. 1; at Kent State, Sept. 8; Central Michigan, Sept. 15; Cal State Fullerton, Sept. 22; at Youngstown State, Sept. 29; Western Michigan, Oct. 6; at Navy, Oct. 13; at Florida, Oct. 20; at Rutgers, Oct. 27; Northern Illinois, Nov. 3; at Louisiana Tech, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Zips.

Site: Akron, O.

To say the least, the Zips are facing an experience gap at quarterback this fall.

Mike Johnson accounted for approximately 2,200 yards of total offense for Akron in 1989 and backup signal-caller Jeff Sweitzer piled up 11. That's right, 11 yards. And with Johnson having completed his eligibility, it's Sweitzer who will be at the controls in 1990.

Coach Gerry Faust isn't overly concerned, though.

"Jeff has all the skills that we require at this critical position," Faust said. "Basically, he needs more experience and with success he will gain the necessary confidence to lead the offense."

No one doubts one aspect of Sweitzer's game—his speed. He averaged 16.3 yards on 10 punt returns last season and ran back two punts for touchdowns in one game.

Sweitzer will have some experienced players around him. Foremost among them will be tailback Doug Lewis, who led the Zips in rushing with 763 yards and also caught 23 passes. Also, both starting wide receivers, Harold Robinson and Jeff Williams, return (although Williams is projected for backfield duty).

There should be strength up the middle, with center Mike O'Connor and guards Brett Jackson and Chris Shee back in the trenches.

The defense allowed just 112.2 rushing yards a game last fall, ranking 19th among NCAA Division I-A teams. However, Scott Brown is the only remaining starter on the defensive front.

The linebacker corps features veterans John Clark and Brian Hilk, who combined for 303 tackles in '89, and the secondary returns intact.

TEMPLE

Coach: Jerry Berndt (1-10, 1 year; 45-64-3 overall, 11 years).

1989 record: 1-10.

Key losses: John Armstrong, S; Manny Carlis, LB; Ray Haynes, OT; Moe Johnson, TE; Loranzo Square, LB; Ventres Stevenson, TB; Greg Taylor, DB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Matt Baker, QB, 6-0/175, Sr.; *Dick Beck, G, 6-0/275, Sr.; Leon Brown, TB, 6-1/195, Jr.; George Deveney, TE, 6-4/230, Jr.; *Jamie Dimond, FB, 6-2/245, Jr.; *Rich Drayton, WR, 6-1/185, Sr.; Brian Erwin, G, 6-2/260, Soph.; Rob Graf, WR, 6-2/170, Soph.; Dennis McCabe, C, 6-1/240, Jr. (Tr.); James Parish, T, 6-4/285, Jr.; Erick Warren, T, 6-3/280, Sr.

Defense: *Gregg Angeli, OLB, 6-3/265, Jr.; *Swift Burch, T, 6-4/270, Jr.; *Mike Constantatos, NG, 6-4/265, Sr.; *Keita Crespinia, CB, 5-9/175, Soph.; Aaron Denton, S, 6-2/205, Jr. (JC); Tim Hull, ILB, 6-2/225, Sr.; David Jones, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; Greg Liberty, OLB, 6-1/210, Soph.; Gary Mobley, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.; *Kenyatta Rush, T, 6-4/250, Sr.; *Santo Stephens, ILB, 6-4/220, Jr.

Other key players: Derek Cunningham, G, Soph. (RS); *Marcus Gibbs, OT, Jr.; Trey Johnson, OT, Fr.; *Brian Krulikowski, G, Jr.; *Kevin McCoy, FL, Sr.; Chris Minor, DB, Fr.; *Anthony Richardson, QB, Jr.; Conrad Swanson, TB, Jr.; *Andy Waldron, G, Sr.; Bob Wright, K, Sr.

Schedule: At Wyoming, Sept. 1; at Syracuse, Sept. 8; Austin Peay, Sept. 15; at Wisconsin, Sept. 22; at Penn State, Oct. 6; Virginia Tech, Oct. 20; East Carolina, Oct. 27; at Tennessee, Nov. 3; at Pittsburgh, Nov. 10; Rutgers, Nov. 17; at Boston College, Nov. 24.

Nickname: Owls.

Site: Philadelphia.

Temple coughed up the football 38 times last season compared with only six turnovers for the Owls' opposition. Bad luck, you say?

"I don't really think so," Coach Jerry Berndt said. "I believe the harder you play, the better you play, the luckier you are. We want to be a tougher football team—mentally and physically."

The Owls weren't particularly tough in any facet of play last year on the way to losing 10 of 11 games.

The Owls return 14 starters (some of whom are certain to lose their jobs), plus a familiar face in quarterback Matt Baker, who suffered a shoulder separation in the 1989 season opener and missed the rest of the season. Berndt hopes to parlay a healthy Baker and the euphoria of a season-ending 36-33 victory over Rutgers into a psychological springboard for the '90 season.

If Baker isn't up to the task, the Owls could rally around Anthony Richardson, a lanky junior who completed 54 percent of his passes last year. Richardson is considered the better runner, Baker the better passer.

Temple's receiving corps is its biggest offensive strength, led by speedster Rich Drayton. Jamie Dimond, a 245-pound fullback, will try to keep opposing defenses honest by pounding the middle.

Defensively, the Owls boast a gem in tackle Kenyatta Rush. Berndt is confident that "from end to end up front, we'll be as good as anybody in the East. The area of biggest concern is the secondary."

CINCINNATI

Coach: Tim Murphy (1-9-1, 1 year; 16-17-1 overall, 3 years).

1989 record: 1-9-1.

Key losses: Doug Bates, LB; Jack Bruscanelli, LB; Jackie Cooper, CB; Bryant Hatcher, FL; Chris Kohl, TE; Vincent Munlin, LB; Phil Poirier, NG; Ron Traut, LB.

Projected starting lineup: Offense: Joe Abrams, TB, 5-6/176, Soph.; John Arena, T, 6-3/262, Jr.; Kris Bjorson, TE, 6-1/209, Soph.; Damon Bryant, SE, 5-9/165, Fr.; Eric Bush, G, 6-2/225, Jr.; *Chris Carmon, G, 6-3/247, Jr.; *Jamie Crysdale, C, 6-3/262, Soph.; Glenn Farkas, QB, 6-2/182, Sr.; Doug Hoog, FB, 5-11/214, Jr.; Brian Jenkins, FL, 5-8/160, Fr.; Richard Johnson, T, 6-4/268, Jr.

Defense: Johnathan Cockrell, S, 5-10/188, Jr.; Nate Dingle, OLB, 6-2/235, Fr. (RS); Dan Grimsley, OLB, 5-10/213, Jr.; Rodney Harris, S, 6-1/185, Soph.; Barry Robinson, NG, 5-11/250, Soph.; Mick Schell, ILB, 5-10/216, Sr.; *Ronnie Shannon, CB, 5-9/178, Jr.; Keith Short, ILB, 6-0/220, Fr.; *Kelly Sims, CB, 5-9/185, Jr.; *Kyle Stroh, T, 6-3/239, Sr.; John Thornton, T, 6-3/266, Sr.

Other key players: *Bobby Brown, TB, Soph.; Jim Carmon, OT, Soph.; Jason Coppess, LB, Fr. (RS); *David Fink, OT, Jr.; Donnell Hughes, FL, Sr.; Willis Knighten, LB, Fr. (RS); *Terry Strong, TB, Sr.; Russ Zelei, SE, Sr.

Schedule: Bowling Green State, Sept. 1; at Central Michigan, Sept. 8; at Iowa, Sept. 15; Miami (O.), Sept. 22; at Kent State, Sept. 29; at West Virginia, Oct. 13; at East Carolina, Oct. 20; at Tulane, Oct. 27; Louisville, Nov. 3; at Florida State, Nov. 10; at Alabama, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bearcats.

Site: Cincinnati.

There wasn't much to cheer about last fall for the Bearcats or their first-year coach, Tim Murphy. Cincinnati finished 1-9-1 and took it on the chin big-time in several games: 69-3 to West Virginia, 56-0 to Miami (Fla.) and 56-3 to Northern Illinois.

Murphy at least has more players to work with this time around, with 75 scholarship recipients on hand compared with 62 last year. Mere numbers may not be enough, however, to keep the Bearcats from experiencing another disaster in a 1990 schedule that includes games at Iowa, West Virginia, Florida State and Alabama. The Bearcats will play only three games at home because of a stadium renovation project.

The best news is that only two starters have departed on offense. The tailback tandem of Joe Abrams and Terry Strong is expected to be productive, and Murphy is looking for better things from senior quarterback Glenn Farkas.

On defense, the linebacker corps could develop a redshirt-freshman look as the season progresses and newcomers become familiar with the system. Cornerbacks Kelly Sims and Ronnie Shannon head up the secondary, while tackles Kyle Stroh and John Thornton are talented two-year starters. ■

SCOUTING THE INDEPENDENTS

Twin towers: Southwestern Louisiana boasts two of the biggest and most talented defensive tackles in the country in 6-foot-6, 288-pound Pat Decuir and 6-6, 275-pound James Atkins.

Programs of the '90s: Florida State, Miami (Fla.) and Notre Dame. The Hurricanes and Fighting Irish have accounted for the last three national championships, and more are on the way. Florida State, which has come close in recent years, will reach the summit in this decade, too. The Seminoles are guaranteed stability with Coach Bobby Bowden signed to a lifetime contract. His roster is loaded with veteran talent, especially at the skill positions, and he supplemented it this year with one of the nation's finest recruiting classes. His players will benefit from superb coaching, and no team in the country will be better prepared to play key road games.

Lost in the shuffle: Among the worthy players who go unnoticed because of the sheer number of independents

are Akron linebacker John Clark, Memphis State tailback Xavier Crawford, Miami linebacker Maurice Crum, Virginia Tech flanker Marcus Mickel, Rutgers linebacker Elnardo Webster, Miami defensive back Darryl Williams and Rutgers linebacker Shawn Williams.

Crunch time: Notre Dame's trio of defensive tackle Chris Zorich, linebacker Michael Stonebreaker and cornerback Todd Lyght is without peer when it comes to laying a blow. Add tackle George Williams and opposing backs can't help but wince.

Cajun Country: Two programs

blessed with superb coaching staffs and underrated talent are Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Louisiana. Bulldogs Coach Joe Raymond Peace and the Ragin' Cajuns' Nelson Stokley are two of the game's hottest commodities, and both are considered candidates to replace Mike Archer at Louisiana State if the Tigers falter this season.

Impact newcomers: Michael Beasley, TB, West Virginia, Jr. (transfer/Maryland); Bobby Fuller, QB, South Carolina, Jr. (transfer/Appalachian State); Marvin Graves, QB, Syracuse, Fr. (RS); Dion Johnson, WR, East Carolina, Jr. (JC); Eric Turrall, WR, Florida State, Soph. (Prop 48).

By the numbers: Here's a glimpse at the returning statistical leaders among major independents:

Rushing: Stacey Robinson, Northern Illinois, 131.2 yds.pg (223 att., 1,443 yds., 19 TDs, 6.5 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh, 134.1 rating pts. (307 att., 172 comp., 15 TDs, 2,527 yds.).

Total offense: Brett Favre, Southern Mississippi, 233 yds.pg (-25 yds. rushing, 2,588 yds. passing, 2,563 total yds.).

Receiving: Bobby Slaughter, Louisiana Tech, 6 rec.pg (60 rec., 832 yds., 7 TDs, 13.9 avg.).

Scoring: Stacey Robinson, Northern Illinois, 10.4 pts.pg (19 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 114 pts.).

Punting: Daren Parker, South Carolina, 44.3 avg. (49 punts, 2,170 yds.).

Punt returns: O.J. McDuffie, Penn State, 14.6 avg. (19 att., 278 yds., 1 TD).

Kickoff returns: Tony Smith, Southern Mississippi, 32.5 avg. (14 att., 455 yds., 2 TDs).

Field goals: Mickey Thomas, Virginia Tech, 1.91 FG.pg (21/25 FGs, 84%).

Interceptions: Todd Lyght, Notre Dame, .67 int.pg (8 int., 42 yds., 0 TDs).

—JOHN HADLEY



Florida State's
Bobby Bowden

Best offensive line:

Syracuse

Best offensive backfield:

Notre Dame

Best backup quarterback:

Bryan Fortay, Miami (Fla.)

Best wide receivers:

Florida State

Best clutch receiver:

Raghib Ismail, Notre Dame

Best defensive line:

Miami (Fla.)

Best-hitting DL:

Russell Maryland, Miami (Fla.)

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Best special-teams player:

Jessie Armstead, Miami (Fla.)

Best special-teams hitter:

Corian Freeman, Florida State

Best coaching staff:

Notre Dame

Best coach:

Lou Holtz, Notre Dame

Best offensive assistant:

Mark Richt, Florida State

Best defensive assistant:

Jerry Sandusky, Penn State

Best Heisman candidate:

Raghib Ismail, WR, Notre Dame

Aggie Triple Whammy

Lewis, Wilson and Pavlas form a deadly trio

By MARK WANGRIN
Austin American-Statesman

The loves of Robert Wilson's senior year in high school—all eight of them—were smooth and curvaceous and seemed to float through the air. On fall weekends, when the football games were over, he'd take them for a walk in a nearby field. And when he held them in his hand, they'd send him spinning.

For them he gave up what he had devoted most of his junior year to doing.

Chasing girls.

"I was in love with the discus," Robert Wilson concedes.

Wilson doted on his discuses. He would spend many a Saturday afternoon alone with them in an open field, tossing them to his heart's delight. They treated him well in return, sailing as far as 186 feet and earning him a berth in the Texas state track meet. He was so fond of his discuses that he decided he would throw them for his college, Texas A&M.

"Until I came up here," he said, shaking his head and laughing, "and saw Randy Barnes and Mike Stulce."

When Wilson came to Texas A&M, Barnes stood 6-foot-4 and weighed 290 pounds. Stulce was 6-4, 270. Both are world-class throwers who probably could have tossed Wilson 186 feet.

"I saw how big they were," Wilson recalled, "and I said: 'Whoa. I guess I won't make that transition.'"

Thus ended Wilson's love affair with the discus. It wasn't an easy decision, but Wilson has come to grips with it. And Texas A&M football Coach R.C. Slocum likes it. It's opposing defensive players who wish the Aggies' burly fullback would have patched things up with the discus. Were that flame still burning, he'd be hurling weights through the air rather than throwing his own considerable weight around gridirons throughout the Southwest Conference.

Wilson stands 6-1 and, depending on how long it's been since he visited his grandmother's dinner table, somewhere around 254 pounds. Wilson hasn't given up all discs; he just prefers ones he can use with a knife and fork.

During the break between the 1989 regular season and the Aggies' John Hancock Bowl game against Pittsburgh, Wilson went home to his grandmother's house in Houston. Instead of linebackers, Wilson found himself plowing through eight different types of cakes.

"I've been to his grandmother's house," said teammate and roommate Quentin Coryatt. "It's like a sin not to eat. She stuffs me, too."

UNIT RATINGS



Fullback Robert Wilson, at 6-foot-1 and 254 pounds, is known as "Bull," but not because he's such a kidder with teammates.

Not that it slowed down Wilson in the John Hancock Bowl. The Panther defenders were no more resistant to Wilson than he had been to his grandmother's German chocolate cake, and the pastry-laden fullback ran for a career-high 145 yards on just 16 carries. That performance capped a fine sophomore season in which he rushed for 590 yards, caught 17 passes for 163 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

Obviously, Wilson has something more than just bulk going for him.

"His strength is his combination of size and speed," Slocum said. "Because of his size, he breaks tackles. Because of his quickness, he can make cuts."

And because of his backfield mates, not

everyone notices. Wilson plays alongside senior halfback Darren Lewis and senior quarterback Lance Pavlas, who together form one of the nation's most devastating offensive backfield units.

Nicknamed "Tank" as a youth for his running style, the 6-foot, 220-pound Lewis has the moves and statistics Wilson lacks. As a sophomore in 1988 he rushed 306 times for 1,692 yards, a total surpassed in NCAA Division I-A that season only by Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders. Lewis was heralded as a Heisman candidate as a junior, but a slow start and subsequent knee injury waylaid those plans. Still, Lewis ran for 961 yards and 11 touchdowns in 10 games.

Lewis, who was not in school for the spring semester but will be back this fall, remains the Aggie runner opponents most fear. But if they key on Lewis, they'll be sorry. Louisiana State did just that, and Wilson carried the ball 15 times for 121 yards. Wilson and Lewis give the Aggies a double whammy.

Make that a triple whammy with Pavlas, one of the nation's most highly recruited prep quarterbacks in 1986. Pavlas was redshirted that season and played inconsistently in the next two, but he finally blossomed last fall. The 6-2, 190-pounder completed 134 of 227 passes (59 percent) for 1,681 yards and 10 touchdowns. Aggie fans finally were able to see why he had been such a hot prospect three years before. "I think people learned he's a tough competitor," Slocum said.

But when it comes to toughness, neither Pavlas nor Lewis can match the sometimes-overshadowed Wilson. The best example may be the third-and-11 play against Texas last season when Wilson took a swing pass deep in Aggie territory, ran about eight yards and was hit by Longhorns safety Stanley Richard. Richard promptly was driven five yards backward. First down, Aggies.

"He fits the old fullback mold," Texas A&M running backs coach Jim Helms said. "He's got that perfect size. He's like a block, one of those old square throwbacks."

Wilson's teammates don't relish the thought of tackling him any more than Aggie opponents do.

"He's a load," said Coryatt, a 6-4, 238-pound linebacker. "Sometimes when we get back to the room after practice, if he got a good shot at me, I'll give him a hard time, say, 'Will you quit?'"

Wilson hears the same thing from other Aggies.

"(Safety) Larry Horton was telling the defense in practice, 'Hey, tackle this guy so I don't have to,'" offensive coordinator Bob Toledo said. "I'm glad I don't have to

stop him. It's like trying to tackle a guard for those 180-, 190-pounders."

They come bigger in the National Football League, where Wilson hopes to make his next stop. But not in 1991—not unless the NCAA follows the suggestion of Executive Director Dick Schultz and allows juniors to test their market value without losing any eligibility.

"That's the only way I'd go," the junior fullback said. "I read the articles. There were a lot of guys (juniors) disappointed (with their fortunes in the 1990 draft).

"I joke around with the fellas sometimes, tell them next year I'll send them season tickets. They ask what I'm talking about and I say, 'Figure it out.'

Wilson is known as "Bull," but not because he's such a kidder with teammates. That nickname came from Helms after he saw Wilson run for the first time. "He looked like one of those wild bulls turned loose in a house the way he was running up there," Helms said.

Said Toledo: "There's nothing fancy about Robert Wilson, I can tell you that."

The only reason Wilson really caught Helms' eye was because the coach was viewing films of another recruit who happened to be playing against Wilson's high school team. Helms couldn't help but notice this one guy making things happen. "That was Robert," he said.

By the time Wilson finished his career at Houston's Evan E. Worthing High School, he was ranked among the nation's blue-chip prospects. He rushed for 978 yards as a junior and 1,410 yards as a senior. Fortunately for the Aggies, he didn't envision himself as the featured tailback in Texas A&M's multiple-pro-sets formation.

"When you're recruiting, it's hard to recruit a fullback because everyone imagines themselves as a tailback," Helms said. "But he knew he was a fullback."

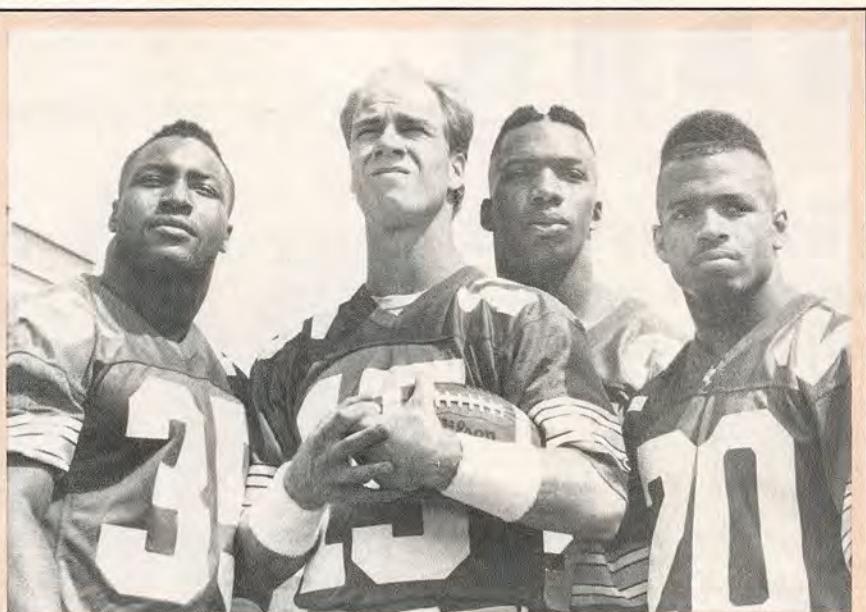
When he arrived in College Station in 1988, Wilson figured he would have to wait at least one season to win a starting job because he was behind senior Matt Gurley. But Gurley tore up his knee in the Aggies' season-opening Kickoff Classic loss to Nebraska, and Wilson quickly was thrust into service.

"It was pretty scary," Wilson said. "The coaches kept coming by, saying, 'Play your game, just relax, you'll be OK.'"

He was. Wilson's blocking in game three against Oklahoma State helped Lewis run for 168 yards—11 more than the Cowboys' Heisman winner, Sanders, who was not outrushed in any other game that year. "I opened a few holes for Darren," Wilson said, "and they had confidence in me after that."

Wilson finished the season with 425 yards rushing and a school freshman-record 10 touchdowns and earned consensus SWC Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors. He looked even better as a sophomore, whether he was opening holes for Lewis, catching passes from Pavlas or bulldozing over hapless defenders. He enters his junior season as perhaps the best fullback in college football.

"I like playing fullback," said Wilson,



Ohio State's offensive backfield: (from left) Scottie Graham, Greg Frey, Raymont Harris, Dante Lee.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELDS

1. OHIO STATE

Players: Greg Frey, QB; Kent Graham, QB; Scottie Graham, FB; Raymont Harris, TB; Tyrone Harrison, FB; Dante Lee, TB; Robert Smith, TB.

2. TEXAS A&M

Players: Darren Lewis, HB; Keith McAfee, HB; Lance Pavlas, QB; Bucky Richardson, QB; Randy Simmons, HB/FB; Robert Wilson, FB.

3. NOTRE DAME

Players: Tony Brooks, TB; Rodney Culver, FB; Dorsey Levens, TB; Rick Mirer, QB; Rusty Setzer, TB; Kenny Spears, TB/FB; Ricky Watters, TB/WR.

4. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Leonard Conley, FB; Craig Erickson, QB; Bryan Fortay, QB; Steve McGuire, FB; Darryl Spencer, TB.

5. COLORADO

Players: David Arterberry, TB; Eric Bienemy, TB; Darian Hagan, QB; James Hill, FB; George Hemingway, FB; Chuck Snowden, TB.

6. UCLA

Players: Jim Bonds, QB; Brian Brown, RB; Bret Johnson, QB; Maury Toy, FB; Kevin Williams, RB; Shawn Wills, RB.

7. ARIZONA STATE

Players: Kelvin Fisher, FB; Paul Justin, QB; George Montgomery, TB; Leonard Russell, TB; Jeff Simoneau, FB.

8. ALABAMA

Players: Gary Hollingsworth, QB; Martin Houston, FB; Robert Jones, RB; Siran Stacy, RB; Kevin Turner, FB.

9. FLORIDA STATE

Players: Edgar Bennett, FB; Brad Johnson, QB; Amp Lee, TB; Paul Moore, FB; Chris Parker, TB; Casey Weldon, QB.

10. PITTSBURGH

Players: Danny Boyd, FB; Jimmer Bundy, FB; Ronald Redmon, FB; Curvin Richards, TB; Alex Van Pelt, QB; Jermaine Williams, TB.

who reverses direction remarkably well. "You don't have a lot of pressure. To start a game at tailback here, you automatically have to produce. At fullback there's not a lot of pressure. All you have to do is block. Supposedly."

Yeah, supposedly. For a fullback, Wilson sure does a lot of things. Besides his myriad responsibilities after the ball has been hiked, he constantly keeps the Aggies loose. He has been known to deflect Slocum's criticism of the offense in practice by loudly claiming the coach got the mounted bass on his office wall at a fish store, which leads Slocum into an explanation of how he caught it at a bass tournament.

Wilson is in line to do even more this season. For instance, Toledo will try to get the ball to him on the perimeter more often, primarily by utilizing swing passes and quick pitches when Wilson lines up in the Aggies' one-back set.

"He probably has as good a pair of hands as anyone in our backfield," Toledo said. "He probably is our best all-around back. He's our unsung hero. Even though he had almost 700 yards last year, people don't pay him that much attention. We didn't give him the ball that much, but I'm getting smarter this year."

Wilson just gets better. And bigger. He goes up to about 255 pounds in the off-season but plans to trim down to about 240 by the start of fall practice. His coaches expect him to play at 235.

Even at his lowest weight, Wilson is no gazelle. He runs the 40-yard dash in the 4.7-4.8 range with shorts or pads on, Helms said. But his other skills seem to compensate, so Helms isn't worried about Wilson's speed.

"He's not as fast in the 40 as he looks, but when he breaks one, nobody seems to catch him," Helms said. "That's what I like." ■

UNIT RATINGS

Cougar receivers ready to pounce all over passes

By TOM WHEATLEY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Houston has boasted the No. 1 receiver in NCAA Division I-A three years running—or catching, to be precise.

The Cougars might well make it four in a row. Emmanuel (Manny) Hazard, who set I-A records for total receptions and touchdown receptions in 1989, is back for his senior season.

"But he needs some help, with all the balls he's been catching," said John Brown, laughing.

Brown, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound junior college transfer, has a point. Hazard is one of many talented Cougar receivers, and the Houston coaches plan to make good use of all of them in 1990. Spreading the ball around more could cost the Cougars their string of individual receiving championships, but they should have no trouble maintaining their status as the nation's most exciting and productive passing team.

Especially with Hazard leading the way. Last year, his first as a Cougar since transferring from City College of San Francisco, Hazard had a career season. That is, he caught more balls (142) for more yards (1,689) and more touchdowns (22) than most guys do in a four-year career. He finished with averages of 12.9 catches and 153.5 yards per game.

Not bad for someone who played only one year of high school football. His step-father had refused permission, saying the 5-9, 172-pound youngster from Daly City, Calif., was too small. His mother and step-father split up before Manny's junior year, and he moved with his mother to New England. It wasn't until they returned to the Bay Area for Manny's senior year that he was able to play football. He then moved on to City College, where he tallied 1,630 receiving yards in two seasons and became the top pass-catching prospect in Northern California.

But doubts about his size persisted. One recruiter even told Hazard that he could find 100 players just like him. His response: "It's all in your heart. If you have dreams like I do, you have no fears."

The Cougars had no fears about Hazard's size. John Jenkins, then Houston's offensive coordinator and now its head coach, could see that the fleet receiver would be perfect for his run-and-shoot offense. Hazard became a Cougar.

Technically, Santos became a Cougar. At that time, the receiver's name was



Houston's receivers: (from left) Tim Woods, John Brown, Tracy Good, Verlond Brown, Emmanuel Hazard.

RECEIVERS

1. HOUSTON

Players: Craig Alexander, WR; John Brown, WR; Verlond Brown, WR; Patrick Cooper, WR; Tracy Good, WR; Manny Hazard, WR; Brian Williams, WR.

2. FLORIDA STATE

Players: Shannon Baker, WR; Lawrence Dawsy, WR; Matt Frier, WR; Reggie Johnson, TE; Dave Roberts, TE; Eric Turrall, WR.

3. TENNESSEE

Players: Mark Adams, TE; Alvin Harper, WR; Vince Moore, WR; Anthony Morgan, WR; Carl Pickens, WR; Von Reeves, TE.

4. BRIGHAM YOUNG

Players: Andy Boyce, WR; Brent Nyberg, WR; Matt Odle, WR; Chris Smith, TE.

5. NOTRE DAME

Players: Derek Brown, TE; Ray Griggs, WR; Frank Jacobs, TE; Raghib Ismail, WR/TB; William Pollard, WR; Tony Smith, WR.

6. PENN STATE

Players: David Daniels, WR; O.J. McDuffie, WR; Terry Smith, WR.

7. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Randy Bethel, TE; Wesley Carroll, WR/RB; Rob Chudzinski, TE; Randal Hill, WR; Lamar Thomas, WR.

8. MISSOURI

Players: Victor Bailey, WR; Tim Bruton, TE; Byron Chamberlain, WR; Linzy Collins, WR; Larry Linthacum, TE; Damon Mays, WR.

9. WASHINGTON

Players: Mario Bailey, SE; Mark Kilpack, TE; Damon Mack, FL; Orlando McKay, FL; Aaron Pierce, TE.

10. MICHIGAN STATE

Players: James Bradley, WR; Courtney Hawkins, FL; Brian Howard, SE; Brian Smolinski, FL; Duane Young, TE.

Emmanuel Santos. But he legally changed his surname to Hazard, his mother's maiden name, in her honor a year ago. "It made her very happy," he said.

So has his success at Houston. Brown would like to emulate that success, especially since he didn't get much of an opportunity to catch passes at Dodge City (Kan.) Community College.

"I had an 87-yard touchdown pass in my first game," he said, "but from then on they made me block. Our offense was kind of like the wishbone. Even though I grew up there, I was kind of ready to get out of Dodge."

That was possible largely because a Houston assistant was beating the tumbleweeds for receivers when he was tipped off about Brown. "He was going from

town to town through Kansas, recruiting," Brown said. "I'm kind of glad he found me."

Brown figures to start at one of the two wideout positions in Houston's run-and-shoot. Slated to start opposite him is junior Verlond Brown, who was keeping pace with Hazard until he broke his ankle in the second game and was lost for the season. Seniors Brian Williams and Craig Alexander and sophomore Marcus Grant will be available to give the two Browns a breather. On the inside, Hazard will be joined by sophomores Tracy Good and Tim Woods and junior college transfer Avery Moore. It's an outstanding group.

"The defenses are going to have a pretty hard time stopping us," Brown said.

Sounds as if he's already catching on. ■

Auburn's inside line—as good as it gets

By RICHARD SCOTT
Birmingham Post-Herald

Traditions die hard in the South. And so it is at Auburn, where the Tigers' football fortunes are rooted behind offensive lines that have paved the way for such All-America running backs as Bo Jackson and Brent Fullwood.

Keeping with the custom, the Tigers' 1990 line could figure as the cornerstone of a team searching for its first national championship under Coach Pat Dye.

"If one of the young ones comes through at left tackle," Dye said, "I'd say ability-wise, we'll be as good as we've ever had—or better."

Auburn loses two starters from last season's offensive front, but only center John Hudson aroused interest in the National Football League draft—and not until the 11th round.

It's no wonder Dye is optimistic. Junior Ed King, widely regarded as the nation's top offensive lineman, lines up at 6-foot-4, 284 pounds, at left guard. Senior Rob Selby, a 6-5, 279-pound right tackle, is Auburn's strongest player since Dye arrived in 1981. And junior Bob Meeks, a 6-2, 279-pound center, started at tackle last season.

Then there is newcomer Eddie Blake, a 310-pound transfer from Northwest Mississippi Junior College.

"When you're talking about Eddie Blake, you're talking about a guy, talent-wise, who is in the same mold as Ed King," Dye said. "When you're talking about Ed King, you're talking about somebody who can be as good as anybody that's ever played that position."

In Blake, the Tigers are getting a lineman that runs a true 4.8 in the 40, according to his junior college coach, Bobby Franklin.

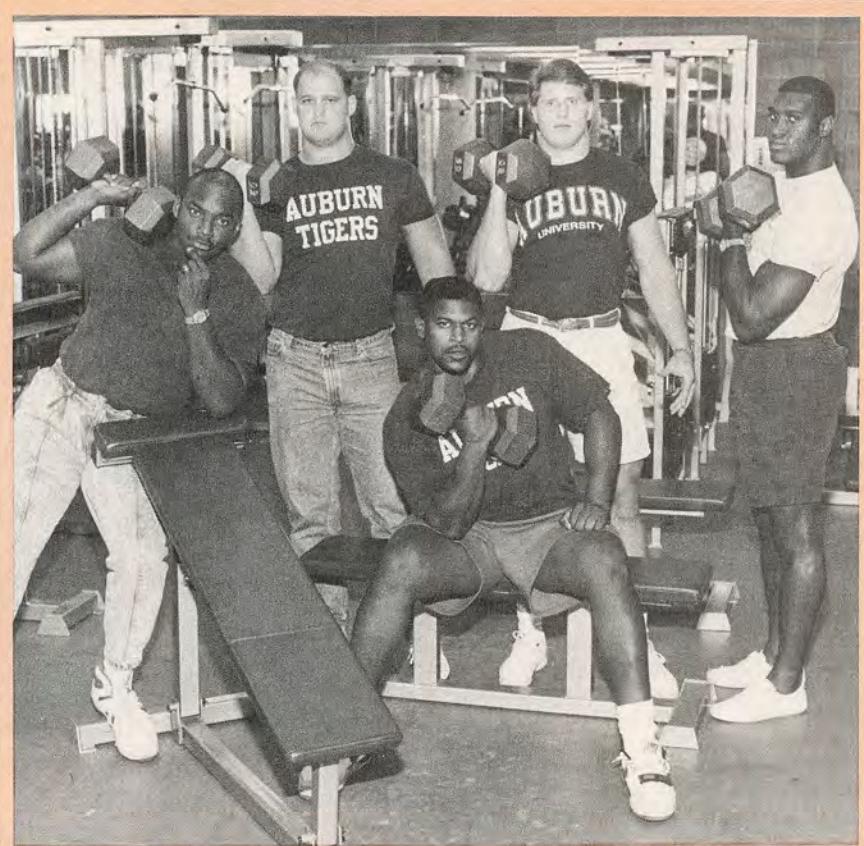
"He's once-in-a-lifetime," said Franklin, the former Ole Miss quarterback and Cleveland Browns defensive back. "I coached pro for a while with Dallas and with Baltimore, and I've never seen one like him. He's got everything you could look for in a great football player: strength, height, size, speed. He's a good drive blocker, a great pulling guard. He'll kill you if you don't get out of the way."

Blake bristles at suggestions that it will take time to move into the starting lineup. He's poised to assume a starring role.

"I'm aware everybody's talking about me, I know what they expect," he said. "When I get to Auburn, I'll probably make All-SEC the first year. I'm just ready to play big-time ball."

There's little doubt his reputation has preceded him. "From what I hear," said King, "if he's all that he's talked about, I know definitely our line should be among the best in the country. We'll have big, strong, fast players—people who can get the job done."

The offensive line doesn't begin and end with King and Blake. Selby, who bench presses more than 500 pounds, is



Auburn's offensive line: (standing, from left) Bob Meeks, Rob Selby, Chris Gray, Victor Hall; (sitting) Ed King.

OFFENSIVE LINES

1. AUBURN

Players: Eddie Blake, G; Jeff Catullo, T; Ed King, G; Bob Meeks, C/T; Ron Selby, T; Greg Thompson, C; Tim Tillman, G.

2. MICHIGAN

Players: Dean Dingman, G; Rob Doherty, T/G; Tom Dohring, T; Matt Elliott, G; Steve Everitt, C; Doug Skene, T; Greg Skrepnak, T.

3. MICHIGAN STATE

Players: Matt Amacker, T; Toby Heaton, T; Jim Johnson, T; Matt Keller, G; Eric Moten, G; Jeff Pearson, C; Roosevelt Wagner, G.

4. COLORADO

Players: Joe Garten, G; Rick Grunden, G; Russ Heasley, G; Jay Leeuwenburg, C; Ariel Solomon, T; Mark Vander Poel, T.

5. ALABAMA

Players: William Barger, G; Terrill Chatman, T; Matt Hammond, T; Trent Patterson, G; Chris Robinette, G; Roger Shultz, C.

6. SYRACUSE

Players: Mike Bernard, T; John Flannery, C; Rush Hodgin, G; Gary McCummings, G; John Nilsen, G; Turnell Sims, T; Terrence Wisdom, G.

7. CLEMSON

Players: Bruce Bratton, T; Mike Brown, C; Jeb Flesch, G; Les Hall, T; Eric Harmon, G; Stacy Long, T.

8. NOTRE DAME

Players: Joe Allen, T; Justin Hall, T; Mike Heldt, C; Mirko Jurkovic, G; Gene McGuire, C; Tim Ryan, G; Winston Sandri, T.

9. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Luis Cristobal, G; Mario Cristobal, T; Darren Hand, C; Claude Jones, G; Leon Searcy, T; Mike Sullivan, T.

10. FLORIDA

Players: Chris Bromley, G; Tony Daniels, G; Cal Dixon, C; Hesham Ismail, G; Glenn Neely, T; Mark White, T.

one of Dye's most valuable leaders.

"When things aren't going right," King said, "Rob knows when to step up and say something."

The Tigers will need a take-charge type if the left tackle position stays unstable for long. In spring camp, sophomore Jeff Catullo was No. 1 on the charts, but his lack of speed will handicap his starting chances if any one of three redshirt freshmen emerge: Wayne Gandy, Anthony Redmon or Ernest Wallace.

"Ideally, what you'd like to be able to do is not have to play any of the (freshmen) or not have to count on them," Dye said. "But we're not in that situation. They've got to play. They've got to grow up in a hurry."

Those growing pains should be less distressing with King, Blake, Selby and Meeks around.

"We've been pretty good across the offensive line," Dye allowed, "but we've never been able to line up like that." ■

Lethal defense at Illinois has matinee appeal

By STEVE KORNACKI
Detroit Free Press

Mel Gibson and Danny Glover brought "Lethal Weapon" and "Lethal Weapon 2" to the big screen. Basketball stars Dennis Scott, Brian Oliver and Kenny Anderson supplied the sequel to the sequel, Lethal Weapon 3, at Georgia Tech last season.

Watch out "Friday the 13th." Something might be gaining on you.

Due out this fall (at a football field near you), the Illinois defensive line gives us Lethal Weapon 4, starring All-America nose tackle Moe Gardner, rush end Mel Agee and tackles Sean Streeter and John Wachter.

"We really like the 'Lethal Weapon' movies ... but I think we actually prefer game film to movies," Agee said. "We like to talk about each other, get on each other. Somebody will shout, 'Hey, look at that guy run you over.'"

Which means they probably watch a lot of Colorado (a 38-7 beating) and Michigan (a 24-10 loss), the only setbacks last year for the 10-2 Florida Citrus Bowl champions.

"We talk about that a lot," Agee admitted. "We think of them when we work out and drip with sweat in the summer."

The Illini aren't sweating much else on defense, however. They return all but two starters from a unit that ranked 10th among Division I-A schools in total defense and second in passing defense.

"Illinois' line has such good movement and it gives them one of the better defenses in the country," Michigan Coach Gary Moeller said. "But really, their whole defense is excellent."

Illinois appeared to be at its best in crunch-time situations, limiting Big Ten Conference opponents to a 32 percent success rate on third-down plays. "The heart of our defense is third down," Agee said. "That's when we turn it up."

And the man with blow-you-away, knockdown power is Gardner, a consensus All-America and finalist for the Outland Trophy (honoring the nation's top interior lineman) in 1989. He had 20 tackles for losses among 82 hits.

"Any award I may get is really an honor for our defense," Gardner said. "It's hard to key on one guy, and teams have to pay for double-teaming me."

That's not cheap talk with Agee around. He matched Gardner's nine sacks last season, had 14 tackles for losses and was



Illinois' defensive line: (from left) Mel Agee, John Wachter, Moe Gardner, Sean Streeter.

DEFENSIVE LINES

1. ILLINOIS

Players: Mel Agee, OLB/E; Erik Foggey, T; Moe Gardner, NT; Sean Streeter, T; John Wachter, T.

2. AUBURN

Players: Mike Campbell, T; Tim Cromartie, NG; Fernando Horn, T; David Rocker, T; Lamar Rogers, T; Walter Tate, NG; Jon Wilson, T.

3. OKLAHOMA

Players: Frank Blevins, E; Stacy Dillard, NG; Scott Evans, T; James Goode, E; Tracy Gordon, E; Corey Mayfield, T.

4. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Mark Caesar, T; Shane Curry, E; Anthony Hamlet, E; Russell Maryland, T; Eric Miller, E; Kipp Vickers, T.

5. NOTRE DAME

Players: Junior Bryant, T; Bob Dahl, T; Eric Jones, T; Troy Ridgley, T; George Williams, T; Chris Zorich, NT.

6. BAYLOR

Players: Santana Dotson, T; John Godfrey, E; Reggie Howard, T; Robin Jones, E; Marcus Lowe, T; Teddy Patton, E; Anthony Ray, E.

7. WASHINGTON

Players: John Cook, MG; Steve Emtman, T; Travis Richardson, E; Tyrone Rodgers, MG.

8. IOWA

Players: Maurea Crain, E; Jim Johnson, T; Matt Ruhland, T; Moses Santos, E; Leroy Smith, E; Mike Wells, NG.

9. WYOMING

Players: Steve Clooten, T; Mitch Donahue, E; Dorell Drake, T; Jarrod Heidemann, E; Greg Peters, E; Doug Rigby, T; Thomas Williams, T.

10. MICHIGAN

Players: Mike Evans, T; Eric Graves, MG; Chris Hutchinson, T; T.J. Osman, MG; Sylvester Stanley, T.

an All-Big Ten pick.

"Mel has that instinctive skill to track the ball down and get to it," said Illini Coach John Mackovic, who moved Agee from tackle to rush end (a.k.a outside linebacker) in spring drills. Wachter replaces Agee and joins Streeter at tackle.

"I'll be able to cover more field at this position," Agee said. "It will give me the action I want, and hopefully I can stop things on my side. We'll win if I can get my sacks."

"I like to see the quarterback get antsy. We have to make him aware he will not pick us apart. I think we rattled them all, except maybe Darian Hagan at Colorado. But we have them here (at home) this

year."

Streeter broke up six passes, the most by any non-cornerback on the team last season. Wachter, a starter in 1988, returns after academics forced him to the sidelines for a year.

Heading into 1990, Agee said the line's main objective is to elevate its run defense to the same high level Illinois shows against the pass.

"We'll be as good as we want to be," he predicted. "Moe gets a lot of attention, but it also brings a lot of attention to us. And togetherness is our main ingredient; we all do our part."

Taken four ways, that's nothing short of lethal. ■

Clemson canon: Don't rebuild at linebacker—reload

By BOB GILLESPIE
Columbia (S.C.) State

When Levon Kirkland first met West Virginia's Major Harris at the 1989 Gator Bowl, the introduction was short and violent. No greetings or amenities exchanged—only leather, the old-timers would say.

Harris, the renowned scrambler, was rolling left when he noticed Kirkland's No. 44 growing larger in his path. Just as he released a pass, Kirkland buried his shoulders squarely into the quarterback's chest. It was a hit that brought a gasp from the crowd and a string of replays for the television audience.

"A good open-field tackle," Kirkland recalled. "... It's like my brother taught me: A runner can't move out of his waist. When he makes his move, you hit him."

Clemson's defense kept Harris on the run all night, forcing three fumbles and an interception in a 27-7 victory. "He really hadn't seen speed like we had," said Kirkland, who caused one fumble and picked up a sack, nine tackles and the game's Most Valuable Player award. But about that hit. "I told the reporters after the game, 'It's forgotten,'" he said.

Then he laughed. "Yeah, it's tucked away in a corner of my mind. I mean, he was the guy who finished third in the Heisman voting. That's something I can tell my grandkids one day."

Kirkland can also work in a story about playing in 1990 with perhaps the nation's best contingent of linebackers, a unit so talented and deep that Clemson could stock probably two teams with starters.

Consider this: Five of Clemson's top six tacklers last season were linebackers. All five are back—outside linebackers Kirkland, Wayne Simmons and John Johnson, and the inside crew of Doug Brewster and Ed McDaniel. They accounted for more than half of the Tigers' sacks (14 of 26), nearly half of the tackles for losses and nearly a third of the passes broken up.

Also consider: Simmons, who tied for the team lead with 10 tackles for losses, started just one game. That McDaniel, who missed time early in the year with a neck injury, was Clemson's leading tackler in 1988 as a freshman. That every outside linebacker runs an unreal time of 4.55 seconds or better in the 40-yard dash. That only Johnson and Brewster are seniors in 1990.

What the Tigers have is a unit that was very good last year, and likely will get better. Overall, Clemson loses just three starters from a defense that last season ranked in the top five in Division I-A in scoring, rushing and total defense.

"I've never seen this kind of talent in one group," Kirkland said. "A team might have one player better at the position, but not the depth we have. And we're adding more.... We don't rebuild at linebacker, we reload."

Kirkland's Gator Bowl performance



Clemson's linebackers: (standing, from left) Levon Kirkland, John Johnson, Ashley Sheppard, Wayne Simmons; (kneeling, from left) Doug Brewster, Ed McDaniel; (sitting) Kenzil Jackson.

LINEBACKERS

1. CLEMSON

Players: Doug Brewster, O; Tyrone Gibson, I; John Johnson, O; Levon Kirkland, O; Ed McDaniel, I; Ashley Sheppard, O; Wayne Simmons, O.

2. NEBRASKA

Players: Mike Croel, O; Travis Hill, O; Mike Petko, I; Pat Tyrance, I; David White, O.

3. COLORADO

Players: Greg Biekert, I; Richard Fisher, I; La-marr Gray, O; Rob Hutchins, I; Kanavis McGhee, O; Mike Motley, O; Alfred Williams, O.

4. NOTRE DAME

Players: Demetrius DuBose, I; Donn Grimm, I; Andre Jones, O; Scott Kowalkowski, O; Eric Simeen, O; Michael Stonebreaker, I.

5. TEXAS A&M

Players: Quentin Coryatt, I; Trent Lewis, I; Tyrone Malone, O; William Thomas, O; James Webb, O; Anthony Williams, I.

6. ILLINOIS

Players: Mel Agee, OLB/DE; Romero Brice, O; Derrick Brownlow, I; Julyon Brown, O; Bill Henkel, I.

7. MICHIGAN STATE

Players: Tony Briningstool, I; Chuck Bullough, O; Dixon Edwards, O; Rob Frederickson, O; Carlos Jenkins, O; Brian Jones, I.

8. MICHIGAN

Players: Erick Anderson, I; Chris Bohn, I; Martin Davis, O; Alex Marshall, O; John Milligan, I; Neil Simpson, O.

9. OHIO STATE

Players: Andy Gurd, I; Judah Herman, I; John Kacherski, O; Steve Tovar, I; Mark Williams, O.

10. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Jessie Armstead, O; Michael Barrow, I; Maurice Crum, O; Darren Krein, I; Darrin Smith, O.

capped a year in which he was named the Atlantic Coast Conference's defensive linemen of the week and defensive back of the week on separate occasions. He ranked second on the team in both sacks and tackles, including nine tackles for 70 yards in losses.

Off the field, the native of tiny Lamar, S.C., is friendly and humble. Typically, he

deflects praise to his family, his teammates and his faith.

"My father always instilled in us that God is first," he said. "A lot of kids don't get a good background like that. I'm blessed."

In one respect, so is Major Harris. Years from now, he can talk about the time he met Levon Kirkland. ■

UNIT RATINGS

Michigan again boasts nation's best secondary

By STEVE KORNACKI
Detroit Free Press

Though Michigan's first coaching change in 22 years has created some degree of uncertainty in Ann Arbor, there are no questions about the Wolverines' secondary. It's the best in the nation—again.

Before the 1989 season, The Sporting News gave Michigan's defensive backfield its No. 1 rating. That group certainly lived up to expectations as it helped the Wolverines rank first in scoring defense (12.4-point average) in Big Ten Conference games. Despite facing some of the nation's top offensive players, including Illinois' Jeff George, Indiana's Anthony Thompson, Notre Dame's Raghib (Rocket) Ismail and Southern California's John Jackson, Michigan allowed no run over 30 yards and no pass over 44 yards. The Wolverine defensive backs kept those big-play greyhounds on a short leash.

And to think, not one starter was a senior. With all the key performers back, it's no surprise that Michigan's secondary again is ranked above all others.

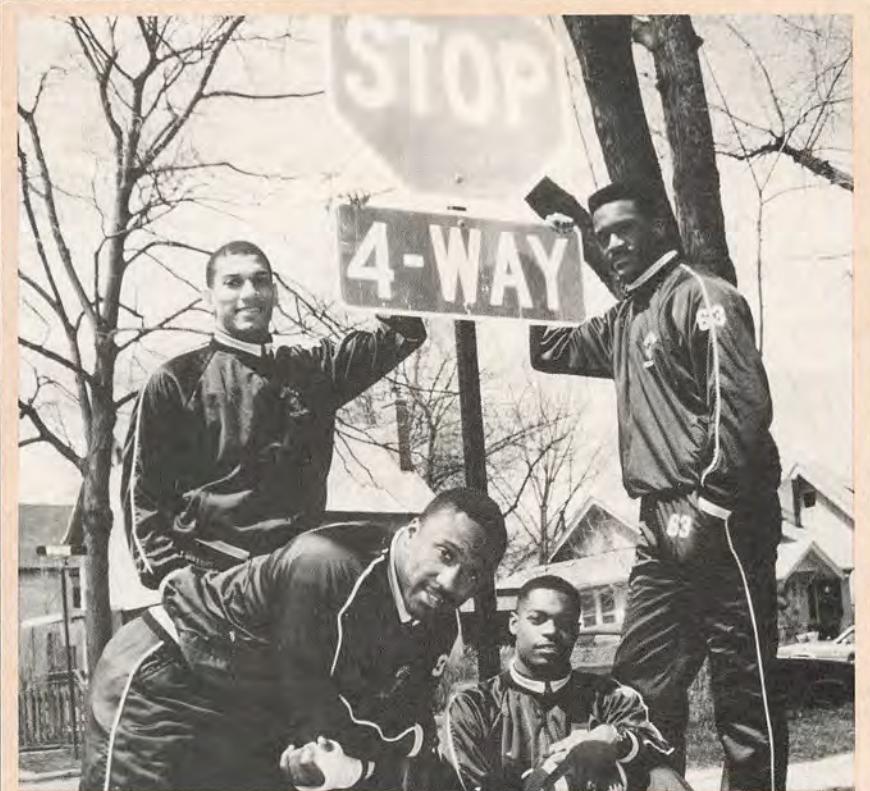
"I have to admit I feel a lot better about them being picked Number 1 this time," Michigan defensive coordinator Lloyd Carr said. "They've improved."

But not enough for new Coach Gary Moeller, who was elevated from offensive coordinator and assistant head coach upon Bo Schembechler's retirement after 21 years in Ann Arbor.

"The key to this being an outstanding unit is making the same amount of improvement this year that they made last year," Moeller said. "You can't get to the level where you say, 'This is it; we're pretty good.'"

Leading this unit is strong safety Tripp Welborne, a consensus All-America last season. Welborne and two other seniors—free safety Vada Murray and short-side cornerback David Key—all will be starting for the third straight year. Junior Lance Dottin and senior Todd Plate again will share the wide-side corner spot.

These backs are expected to prevent the big play by containing runners who break free while still playing deep enough to stop long passes. That assignment provides lots of opportunities to make hits, an area where the Wolverines excel. The unit's improvement in its percentage of solo tackles among total tackles, from 67 percent in 1988 to 76 percent last season, is an indication that the backs anticipated



Michigan's secondary: (standing from left) Vada Murray, David Key, Lance Dottin; (sitting) Tripp Welborne.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELDS

1. MICHIGAN

Players: Lance Dottin, CB; David Key, CB; Vada Murray, S; Todd Plate, CB; Tripp Welborne, S; Otis Williams, S/CB.

2. ILLINOIS

Players: Chris Green, CB; Henry Jones, CB; Quintin Parker, S; Marlon Primous, S.

3. NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Players: Jesse Campbell, S; Joe Johnson, CB; Sebastian Savage, CB; Fernandus Vinson, S.

4. BAYLOR

Players: Keith Caldwell, S; Charles Bell, CB; Malcolm Frank, CB; Frankie Smith, S; Clifford Ellison, CB; Trooper Taylor, S; Mike Welch, S.

5. NEBRASKA

Players: Tyrone Byrd, S; Reggie Cooper, S; Tyrone Legette, CB; Tahaun Lewis, CB; Bruce Pickens, CB.

6. UCLA

Players: Patrick Bates, S; Matt Darby, S; Carlton Gray, CB; Dion Lambert, CB; Eric Turner, S.

7. SYRACUSE

Players: Ousmane Bary, CB; Darrell Jones, S; Troy Martin, CB; Tim Sandquist, S; Rob Thomson, S; Greg Walker, CB.

8. ARIZONA STATE

Players: Eric Crawford, CB; Floyd Fields, S; Nathan LaDuke, S; Kevin Miniefield, CB; Phillipi Sparks, CB.

9. FLORIDA STATE

Players: Terrell Buckley, CB; John Davis, S; Tommy Henry, CB; Leon Fowler, S; Errol McCorvey, CB; Bill Ragans, S.

10. NOTRE DAME

Players: Reggie Brooks, CB; Greg Davis, S; Shawn Davis, CB; Todd Lyght, CB; George Poorman, S; Rod Smith, S/CB.

plays better and reached ballcarriers quicker, thereby allowing fewer yards.

Showing the greatest improvement was Murray, who led the team with four interceptions and made 49 tackles (41 solos). "Vada became a much better tackler," Moeller said.

Schembechler was largely responsible for that because of a motivational tool he employed in the spring of 1989. "They said they were thinking of making me a nickel back and played Tripp some at free safety," Murray recalled. "I knew what Bo was doing, but it worked. After a terrible spring, I worked hard in the summer and proved something to myself and Bo."

Murray blends well with Welborne, a tremendous athlete who tallied 80 tackles

(57 solos) and three interceptions last fall, and Key, who supplied aggressive hitting and solid pass defense.

"It feels good to have this feel for one another," Murray said. "If I blow it and give them the wrong coverage, nine of 10 times they'll adjust and correct it."

Welborne and Murray are close off the field as well. They live next door to each other in off-campus apartments.

"Tripp is a trip, a real character," Murray said. "He swears he can do it all. He calls himself Ivan Becker, the ultimate combination, when we play tennis. I call him Jim Thorpe."

As in the Jim Thorpe Award. And Welborne knows full well that that trophy goes to the nation's top defensive back. ■

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UNIT RATINGS

Spartans want Hawkins to break instead of dance

By STEVE GRINCZEL
Booth Newspapers

Like a boulder teetering precariously on the edge of a cliff, Michigan State punt returner Courtney Hawkins is usually a breath away from making a sudden impact.

Trouble is, Hawkins averaged only 4.6 yards per return in a 1989 sophomore season that also saw him become the Spartans' first-ever 1,000-yard receiver.

Michigan State coaches believe they can tap into Hawkins' potential as a punt returner—if he stops making like he's fitted with tap shoes.

"I don't catch the ball and shoot straight ahead, I dance," Hawkins admitted. "I have a bad habit of first going side to side to try to set things up."

Coach George Perles has watched Hawkins travel north and south on enough pass routes to keep the faith. Last season, he averaged 18 yards per catch on a school-record 60 receptions.

"He has that potential to be a great punt returner based on how he runs the reverse and how he runs after he catches the ball," Perles said. "Last year, some of the punters we faced kept the ball high and he couldn't return a whole lot. I'm sure it's just a matter of time, with his ability, before he'll be one of the leaders in the country in that area."

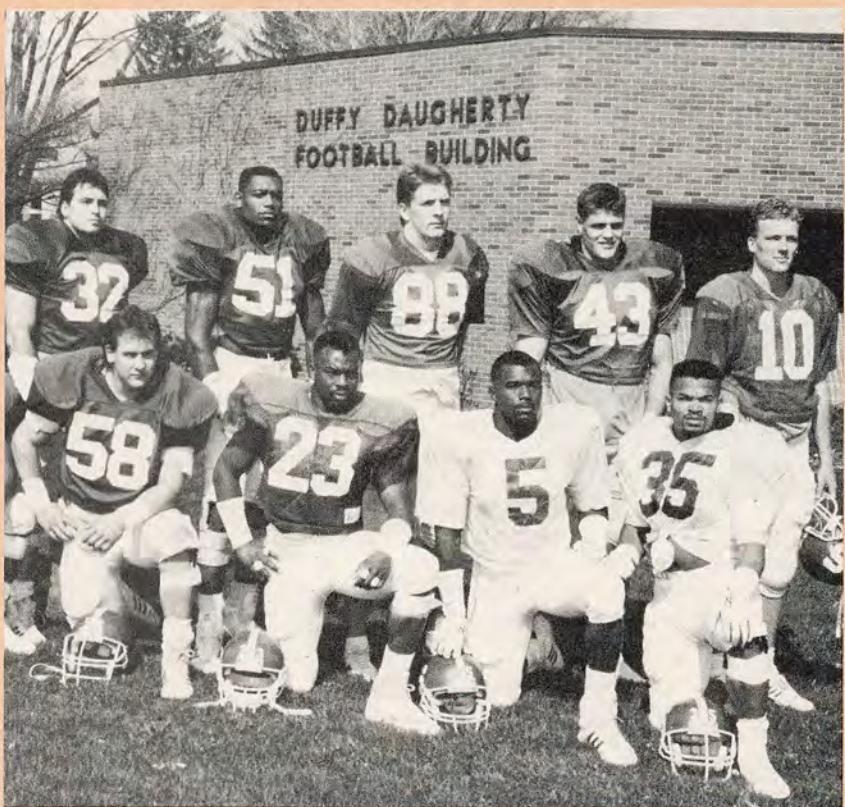
As a kick returner, Hawkins takes advantage of more open territory. He darted 85 yards with one return and ranked 12th in NCAA Division I-A with a 25.2-yard average on 18 returns. He figures he's only a step away from similar results on punts.

"I've seen on films where I had a chance to hit a crease but I danced one step too many and the hole closed up," he said. "Whenever I have the ball in my hands I feel like I'm a threat to take it all the way."

Special teams have helped take Michigan State to bowl games in each of the past three seasons. Traditionally strong in the kicking department, the Spartans have one of the best tandems in Division I-A with place-kicker John Langeloh and punter Josh Butland.

Langeloh, a senior, has converted 70 percent of his career field-goal tries (including 11 of 15 from 40-49 yards) and 98 of 100 extra-point attempts. He doubled as a punter last season (39.8-yard average) after Butland suffered a stress fracture in his non-kicking foot.

Butland has come a long way since



Michigan State's special teams: (standing, from left) Brian Jones, Carlos Jenkins, Josh Butland, Tony Briningstool, John Langeloh; (kneeling, from left) Kerry Mitchell, Alan Haller, Courtney Hawkins, Tico Duckett.

SPECIAL TEAMS

1. MICHIGAN STATE

Players: Josh Butland, P; Dixon Edwards, KC; Courtney Hawkins, KR; Carlos Jenkins, KC; Brian Jones, KC; John Langeloh, K.

2. CLEMSON

Players: Mitch Belton, KC; Chris Gardocki, K/P; Levon Kirkland, KC; Ashley Sheppard, KC; Terry Smith, KR.

3. MIAMI (FLA.)

Players: Wesley Carroll, KR; Randal Hill, KR; Carlos Huerta, K.

4. COLORADO

Players: Pat Blottaux, K; Mike Motley, KC; Mike Pritchard, KR; Tom Rouen, P; Rico Smith, KR.

5. SOUTH CAROLINA

Players: Robert Brooks, KR; Collin Mackie, K; Daren Parker, P.

6. TEXAS A&M

Players: Shane Garrett, KR; Larry Horton, KR; Layne Talbot, K; Sean Wilson, P.

7. ARKANSAS

Players: Glen Ray Hines, P/K; Derek Russell, KR; Todd Wright, K.

8. HAWAII

Players: Jason Elam, K/P; Larry Khan-Smith, KR; Jeff Sydner, KR.

9. ARIZONA

Players: Gary Coston, K; Adam Grand, P; Darrell Lewis, KR; Reggie McGill, KR; Kenneth McPeters, S.

10. OKLAHOMA STATE

Players: Cary Blanchard, K/P; Mike Clark, KR; Curtis Mayfield, KR; Todd Winbolt, H.

Perles staged a Gong Show tryout two springs ago for anyone on campus who thought they could outkick Butland (a coed even showed up). He ranked in the Top 20 in Division I-A that fall and, given enough attempts, would have placed in the top eight last year with a 43.1-yard average.

"I just try to put the opposing team in the worst field position possible," he said. "If I only kick the ball 25 yards but pin them inside the 15, who cares what my average is."

Michigan State's coverage units are solid because not just anybody plays on them. Outside linebackers Carlos Jenkins,

an All-America candidate, and Dixon Edwards, the Spartans' No. 2 tackler last season, are members. So is middle linebacker Brian Jones, a special-teams mainstay while awaiting Percy Snow's departure. Chuck Bullough, a hard-nosed type who always seems to be bleeding, also is back.

Joining Hawkins on the kickoff return team, sophomore Tico Duckett had only two runbacks last season, although he broke one for 31 yards. He's also the heir to Blake Ezor's tailback job and a sprinter on the track team. Duckett could be the fastest Spartan—so long as he doesn't borrow Hawkins' dance shoes. ■

DIVISION I-A SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL UNIT RATINGS

Following is an alphabetical listing of preseason unit ratings for all 106 Division I-A schools, using a standard A-B-C-D-F grading scale. Explanation of grades:
A—superior starters and depth; **B**—above-average starters and depth; **C**—satisfactory starters and questionable depth; **D**—below-average starters and depth;

F—poor starters and no depth. Key to abbreviations: **OB**—offensive backfield; **WR**—wide receivers; **OL**—offensive line; **DL**—defensive line; **LB**—linebackers; **DB**—defensive backfield; **SP**—special teams.

SCHOOL	OB	WR	OL	DL	LB	DB	SP
AIR FORCE	C+	D	C	C	C	C	C+
AKRON	C-	C-	D	C-	C	C	C
ALABAMA	B+	C	A-	C+	C+	C	C+
ARIZONA	B	C-	C+	C+	B-	B-	B
ARIZONA STATE	A	C	C	C+	C+	B	C+
ARKANSAS	B+	C+	C+	C+	B	C	B
ARMY	B	D-	C-	D	C	C	D
AUBURN	B+	B	A+	A	C+	C+	C+
BALL STATE	C	C-	C-	C-	C-	C	C+
BAYLOR	C+	C-	C+	B+	C	B+	C
BOSTON COLLEGE	C	C+	C	C	C+	C	C
BOWLING GREEN STATE	C-	D	C-	D	C	C-	C
BRIGHAM YOUNG	A-	B+	C+	C	C	C+	C
CALIFORNIA	C-	C	C	C+	C-	C	B-
CAL STATE FULLERTON	D+	C-	D	D+	C-	C-	C
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	C-	C-	D	C	C-	C	D-
CINCINNATI	C	C-	C	C	F	C	C
CLEMSON	C+	C-	A-	B-	A+	B	A
COLORADO	A	C	A-	C+	A	C+	B+
COLORADO STATE	B-	C-	B-	C	C	C	C+
DUKE	B+	C	C	D	C-	C+	C
EAST CAROLINA	C	C-	C	C-	C+	C+	C
EASTERN MICHIGAN	C+	C	C-	C	D	C	C
FLORIDA	C+	C+	B	C+	C	B-	C
FLORIDA STATE	B+	A	B-	C	B-	B	C
FRESNO STATE	B-	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C
GEORGIA	C+	C+	B	C	B	C	B-
GEORGIA TECH	C+	B-	B	C-	C+	C+	C
HAWAII	C+	C	C-	C-	B-	C	B
HOUSTON	B-	A	C+	C+	C+	C	B-
ILLINOIS	C+	C+	C+	A	A	A	C
INDIANA	C+	C+	C	C+	C+	C	B-
IOWA	C+	C	C	B	C+	C	C
IOWA STATE	C+	C	C	C-	C	C+	C
KANSAS	C+	C-	C	C-	B-	C	C-
KANSAS STATE	C	C	D	C-	C	D-	C
KENT STATE	C-	C-	C-	C	D	C	D
KENTUCKY	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
LONG BEACH STATE	C-	C	C-	D-	C-	D+	C
LOUISIANA STATE	C+	C+	C+	C	C+	C	C
LOUISIANA TECH	C	C	C	C-	C-	C-	C
LOUISVILLE	C	C	C	C+	C+	C	C+
MARYLAND	C-	C	C-	C+	C	C	C
MEMPHIS STATE	C	C	C	C-	C	C	C
MIAMI (FLA.)	A	B	B	A	B	B-	A
MIAMI OF OHIO	C-	C-	C	D	C	C-	C
MICHIGAN	B-	B-	A	B-	B-	A	B-
MICHIGAN STATE	C	B	A	C	B+	C	A
MINNESOTA	C	C+	C	C	D+	C	C
MISSISSIPPI	B-	C	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+
MISSISSIPPI STATE	C	C	C+	C	C	C-	B-
MISSOURI	C+	C+	C	C	C	C	C-
NAVY	C	C	C-	C-	C+	C	C

SCHOOL	OB	WR	OL	DL	LB	DB	SP
NEBRASKA	B-	C+	B	C+	A+	B+	C
NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	D	C-	C	D	C-	D	C-
NEW MEXICO	C	C	C	C-	C-	C-	C
NEW MEXICO STATE	D	C-	C	D	D	D	C
NORTH CAROLINA	C	C	C	D	B	C-	C+
NORTH CAROLINA STATE	B-	C+	C+	D	B-	B+	B-
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	B	C	C	C-	C	C	C
NORTHWESTERN	C-	C	F	C-	C	C-	C
NOTRE DAME	A	B-	B+	B+	A	B	B
OHIO STATE	A	B-	C	C+	B+	C+	C-
OHIO UNIVERSITY	C-	C+	C	D	C-	D	C
OKLAHOMA	B	C-	C+	A	B	C	C
OKLAHOMA STATE	C	C	C	C	C-	C	B
OREGON	C	C+	C+	C	C	C-	C
OREGON STATE	C-	C	C-	C	C	C	C-
PACIFIC	D+	C	D	D	C-	D	D
PENN STATE	C+	B	C	C+	C+	C	C+
PITTSBURGH	B+	C+	C+	B-	C	C	C
PURDUE	C+	D+	C	C+	B-	C+	C
RICE	C+	C+	C	C-	C	C-	D
RUTGERS	C-	C	C-	C-	B-	C-	C-
SAN DIEGO STATE	B	B-	C	C-	C	C	C
SAN JOSE STATE	C	C	C	D	C-	C	C
SOUTH CAROLINA	C	B	C	C+	C	C	B+
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	B-	C+	B-	B	B	C+	C+
SOUTHERN METHODIST	C	C+	C-	D-	D	D	C-
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	B-	C	C	C	C	C	C+
SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	C	C	C	C+	C	C	C
STANFORD	B	C+	C+	C	C	C	C
SYRACUSE	C	C+	A-	C	C	B+	C+
TEMPLE	C	C	C	C+	C	D	D
TENNESSEE	A	B+	B	C-	C+	C	B-
TEXAS	B-	B-	C	C+	C+	C+	C+
TEXAS A&M	A	C+	B-	C	A	C+	B+
TEXAS CHRISTIAN	C+	C	C	C-	C-	D+	C-
TEXAS-EL PASO	C	C	D	D	C-	C-	D
TEXAS TECH	B-	C+	C-	C-	B-	C+	C+
TOLEDO	C-	C+	C+	D	C-	C-	C
TULANE	C	C-	C	C	C	C-	C
TULSA	C+	C-	C	C	C+	C	C
UCLA	A	C	C+	C+	B	B+	C-
UTAH	C	C	D	D	C-	C	C
UTAH STATE	D	C-	C-	D	C	C	C
VANDERBILT	C+	C	D+	C	C-	C-	C+
VIRGINIA	B	C+	C+	C	C	C+	C
VIRGINIA TECH	C	C	C	C	C-	C	C
WAKE FOREST	C	C	D	C+	C-	C	C-
WASHINGTON	C+	B	B	B	C+	C+	C
WASHINGTON STATE	B-	C	B	C-	C	C	C+
WESTERN MICHIGAN	C-	C	C-	C	D	C-	C
WEST VIRGINIA	B+	C	C+	C	C+	C	B
WISCONSIN	C	D+	C	C	C	C	C
WYOMING	C	C+	C+	B-	C+	C	C+

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Following are the stories of six players, all standouts in their respective regions of the country, whose performances last season deserved much more recognition on a national scale than they actually received.

Instincts help smallish Crum make big plays

By TOM D'ANGELO
Palm Beach Post

The Belmont Heights section of Tampa suffers from the same economic blight that preys on hundreds of inner-city areas throughout the country. There are pockets of high crime. Drugs. And there are plenty of dreams, too, over on the ball fields just off Martin Luther King Blvd.

Here, at the Cyrus Green Playground, are borne the reasons Belmont Heights is fast becoming esteemed for turning out rich athletic talent.

New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden played here. So did Milwaukee Brewers shortstop Gary Sheffield, Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Floyd Youmans, Toronto Blue Jays outfield prospect Derek Bell, Chicago Cubs third-baseman-in-waiting Ty Griffin and Milwaukee outfield prospect Derrick Pedro.

"There was a tradition at Belmont Heights," said Maurice Crum, a member of the area's sporting legacy. "We'd see all those guys going to the (Little League) World Series and felt we had to go to keep it going. That's what gave us the motivation to be great players."

Crum, however, didn't turn out quite like the others who make up the prestigious Belmont Heights alumni. Oh, he played in two Little League World Series and was a member of the 1982 world champion Little League junior division team. And he was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 15th round of the June 1987 amateur draft.

But unlike his peers who are launching or luxuriating in professional baseball careers, Crum spends his time hammering ballcarriers and hitting the books as a linebacker at Miami.

Talk to any coach, any player, any scout, and the first word that comes to mind when they hear "Maurice Crum" is "instincts." By linebacking standards,

Crum is not big (6-foot, 222 pounds), but he's undeniably quick and has an innate ability to find the football.

"Linebackers have to have this instinct, where all of a sudden you know where the ball is," said Dick O'Brien, Crum's coach at Hillsborough High School in Tampa. "Maurice is one of those kind of kids. When he was young, we'd see him do things and you'd see him around the ball. It's just a God-given trait ... you don't teach it."

Crum displayed it at the playground, on the prep fields around Tampa and now at Miami, where he enters his senior season as a leading candidate for the Butkus Award, given annually to the outstanding collegiate linebacker.

"He's missed fewer tackles here than anybody since I've been around," said Miami linebackers coach Tommy Tuberville, who joined the staff in 1986. "He's not big and strong and flashy—he's a true instincts player."

In each of the last two seasons, Crum has been the leading tackler on a Hurricanes defensive unit that led NCAA Division I-A in total defense in 1989 and ranked second in 1988. Last year, in a payback victory over Notre Dame that paved the way for Miami's national title, Crum wrapped himself around Irish jerseys 17 times, leading the team in tackles.

"He's just all over the field," said Bernard Clark, Crum's former teammate at Miami and high school rival in the Tampa area. "Slipping in and out, sliding between people, finding the ball."

If there is such a thing as a "nose for the ball," then Crum is the bloodhound of college linebackers. Talk about instincts—Crum has scored 14 touchdowns on defense since his first year of prep ball. Eight came after interceptions (two at Miami), four on blocked punts and two on fumble recoveries.

"I remember my sophomore year when I intercepted a pass against Tulsa," Crum said. "I caught the ball in a crowd of people, but I never knew how I caught it. I'm not a great jumper, the ball was high, but I ended up with it. And there I was, running down the field."

"I just see things so well. I will see something develop quicker than other guys on the field. I see the ballcarrier and the blocker at the same time. I just follow the ball real well."

Miami coaches often credit Crum's quick reaction to the exceptional hand-eye coordination he developed in baseball. In 1980, Crum played with Sheffield, Griffin and Bell on the Little League World Series team that lost to Taiwan, 4-3,

then teamed with Bell the following year in another loss to Taiwan, 4-2. Both were championship games. In 1982, however, all four players led Belmont Heights to the Little League junior division championship.

"I was going from baseball game to baseball game," said Crum's mother, Geraldine, who raised probably the most devastating diamond foursome in Belmont Heights history. All four of her sons—George, Rickey, Derek and Maurice—played in Little League World Series. "At Belmont Heights, I would sit between the fields and watch two games at one time."

Baseball became Crum's first love, partly by force of circumstance. At the age of 6, he was diagnosed as having a sickle-cell anemia trait in his genes. For five years, he underwent regular tests, took medication and suffered from headaches. Doctors cleared him to play baseball. Football was forbidden.

"I had a lot of sick days," said Crum, who hasn't required a checkup for seven years. "I remember having real bad headaches and crying a lot and not being able to do what a lot of the other kids were doing."

When Crum was taken off the medication, he was able to return to the normal life of an 11-year-old, which meant hanging out with his best friends, Sheffield and Kevin Douglas, and his dog, Spanky.

"I was always the homeboy," Crum said. "My brothers had their girlfriends and I was too young. We'd go to the park, throw the baseball around, shoot the basketball and then we'd come right home."

By his junior year in high school, Crum was a budding major league baseball prospect and fast becoming a dominant defensive player in football. He also became a father at the age of 16.

"All the pressure hit me at once," Crum said. "I had a son, I had to work and play football and baseball at one time. I got down."

One year after Maurice Jr. was born, Crum was drafted by the White Sox and offered a reported \$37,000 signing bonus. Had it not been for football, he might have signed on the spot. "I was out there (playing football) for the fun of it at first," Crum said. "Then I found myself making a lot of big plays."

Determined to succeed in the sport in which he'd originally been told he was too small to compete, Crum elected to pursue collegiate football when his mother offered to help raise Maurice Jr.

"I talked to my mom and my brother George about playing baseball because I needed the money," he said. And that's

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when the prospect of riding buses in the minors for years seemed too real.

Understandably, the recruiting of Crum the linebacker wasn't typical. His baseball skills scared off coaches who couldn't afford to gamble with a scholarship, and some recruiters judged him on his size, not his desire. It took a sales job by O'Brien to generate some genuine interest by Miami.

"The one thing Coach O'Brien told me that stuck in my mind was how this kid always made big plays," said Dave Wannstedt, the Dallas Cowboys' defensive coordinator who held the same position at Miami under Jimmy Johnson. "He said whenever there was a fumble or an interception or a big tackle, it probably was Maurice making it."

One week after Crum arrived at Miami, Johnson decided the newcomer's instincts were too valuable to waste in a red shirt. He groomed Crum by using him on the special teams and spotting him at weak-side linebacker. The following year, Crum made his first career start in Miami's season opener. He registered nine tackles, a sack and caused a fumble in a 31-0 rout of No. 1 Florida State.

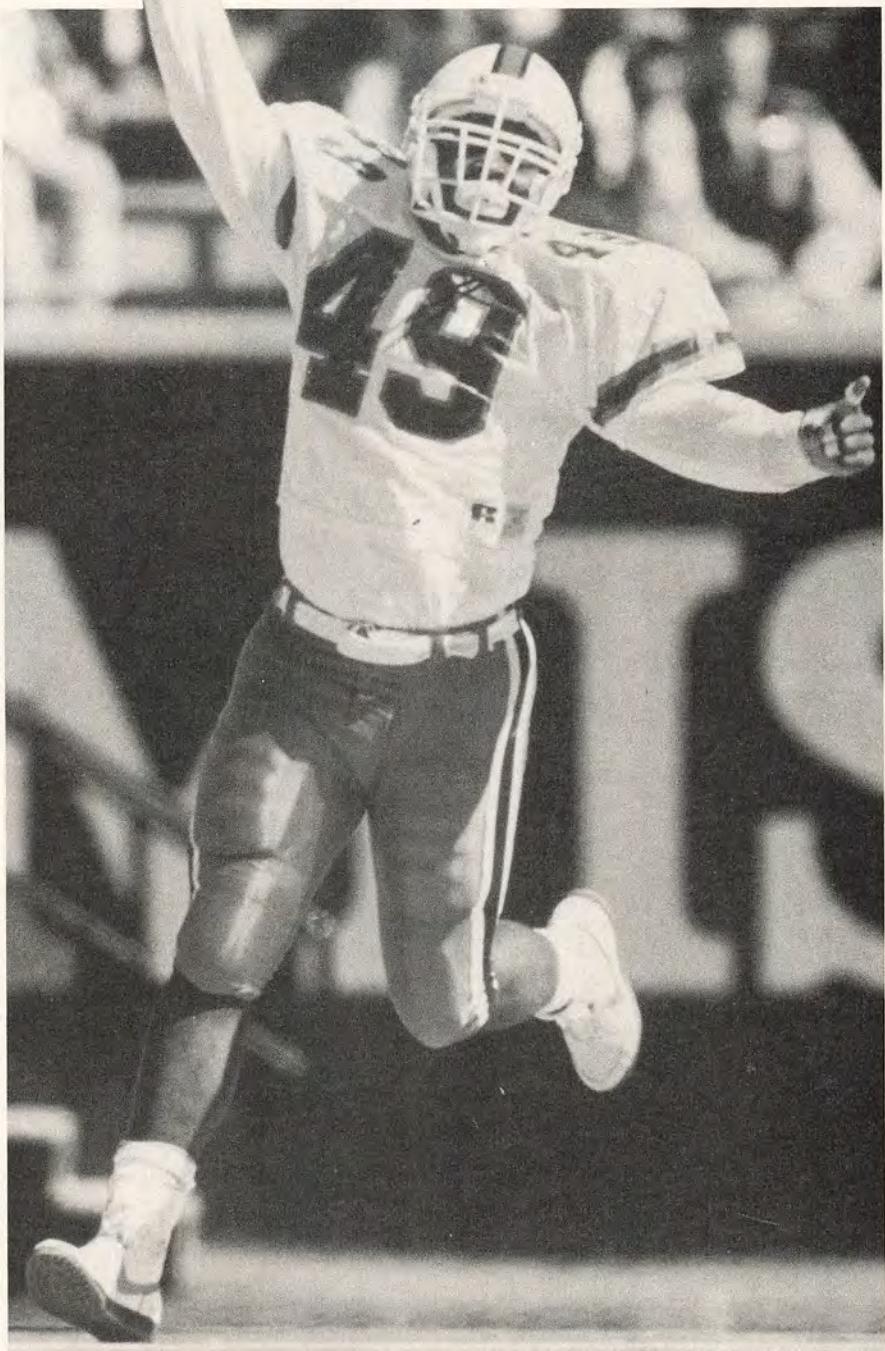
"For a sophomore making his first start, he played about as well as anybody I have ever been around," Wannstedt said afterward. "You see some first-time guys coming in and making a play or two, but Maurice did it for an entire game."

Crum's career at Miami has been in harmony with his personality—quiet, yet efficient. On teams that produced outstanding defenders like Clark, Bill Hawkins, Greg Mark and Cortez Kennedy, it was Crum who quietly made his mark as Miami's leading tackler. Sometimes, he even seems out of place on a team notorious for its on-field celebrations and finger-pointing.

"He's a quiet leader," Coach Dennis Erickson said. "On the practice field, he let his playing do the talking."

With his speed (4.7 seconds in the 40-yard dash) and quickness, Crum is ideally suited for weak-side linebacker (but could help out the Hurricanes' inexperienced middle corps this fall). Because Miami overshifts its defense to the strong side, thereby forcing opponents to run the other way, the weak-side linebacker has to take on more blockers, cover wideouts and make more open-field tackles. In other words, the position is best suited for an instinctive player with speed and quickness.

"I'd rather have quickness and speed than size," Erickson said. "Unless you get there, you can't hit them."



Maurice Crum has an innate ability to find the football.

Baseball is still a part of his life (he saw spot duty as a first baseman and designated hitter on Miami's baseball team last spring), but Crum is setting his sights on the National Football League. His best shot would be as a true outside linebacker in a 4-3 scheme, but he knows many NFL teams employ a five-man front with the

outside linebackers on the line of scrimmage. No matter, it's just another challenge for Crum.

"People have told me I was too small my whole life," he said. "I make up for that with speed. But if it takes being physical, I can do that also. I know I'll hear that about being too small again." ■

Bryant blazes 1,516-yard trail at Iowa State

By MARK DUKES
Cedar Rapids Gazette

If the advertising people at American Express are looking for a new spokesman, Blaise Bryant could be their man. His pitch might go something like this:

"Hello. I rushed for 1,516 yards last season and scored 19 touchdowns. I'm the leading returning rusher in NCAA Division I-A football. Do you know me?"

If you don't, you're not alone. Bryant would be perfect for one of those credit card commercials because he's a lesser-known personality with some impressive credentials. In fact, he was among the top football players in the country last season.

Bryant, Iowa State's 6-foot, 195-pound running back, ranked fourth in Division I-A and first in the Big Eight Conference in both rushing and scoring as a junior in 1989. Bryant received all-conference honors and was named the league's Offensive Newcomer of the Year after transferring from Golden West College, a junior college in Huntington Beach, Calif.

But outside the Big Eight and parts of the Midwest, Bryant is largely unknown. That's because he plays at Iowa State, which has a low profile not only on a national scale, but also in the Big Eight. Perennial league powers Oklahoma and Nebraska and 1989 champion Colorado command most of the media attention.

"Being at Iowa State, you don't get as much recognition as you would at Colorado or Oklahoma," said Bryant, who led the Cyclones to a 6-5 record a year ago, matching their best mark since 1980. "But I've never had that much publicity anyway, so I just kind of play my game."

"I'm sure it'll come as soon as we do a few things. I'm out trying to put Ws (wins) on the board for our team. I think if that happens, the recognition will come."

Wins, which have been in short supply in Ames for a decade, would do a lot for the school's—and Bryant's—reputation. But Cyclones Coach Jim Walden believes that if Bryant has another season like last year, his numbers alone will attract attention, regardless of the team's record. And even though Iowa State produced its last consensus All-America in 1938 and has never had a Heisman Trophy winner, Walden considers Bryant a legitimate candidate for both.

"He's the best returning running back in the nation," Walden said. "... I would think if he repeats last year, he'll be in the running. Another 1,500-yard season ought to at least get him a trip to New York (for the Heisman award ceremony)."



Outside the Big Eight, Blaise Bryant is largely unknown.

If playing for Iowa State is a mark against Bryant in terms of publicity, his name is a definite plus. The name Blaise Xavier Bryant is bound to turn a few heads.

"A lot of people think it's a nickname," said Bryant, who was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. "A lot of people think it's fake."

It's not. Bryant's father, John, came up with the first name after giving the matter a lot of thought.

"We were looking for an unusual name," John Bryant said. "My wife looked at one of those books and picked out the last one she saw, Xavier. I thought that was a little feminine, so I went and looked at him in the nursery."

"The second day after he was born, he was holding his head up, so I thought I ought to come up with something that meant quick. I came up with Blaise, but the nurse thought it should be blaze, like a fire."

"It's due to his quickness. He walked a little when he was seven months old. He was just quick, independent and aggressive. I guess you could say he was always in a hurry."

He still is. After winning the national junior college rushing title in 1988 at Golden West, Bryant got out of the blocks quickly at Iowa State last season by rushing for 213 yards against Ohio University,

the best debut ever by a Big Eight running back. Not bad for a guy who said he "wasn't expecting to start" in his first year at a new school. But Walden couldn't keep a player with Bryant's talent and enthusiasm off the field.

"He worked like a dog and his excitement was contagious," Walden said. "It took halfway into the season before he found out what defenses were doing. But he's a cut above the norm."

Colorado was the only team to hold Bryant scoreless last season. He ended the year as he had begun it, with a 200-yard rushing day (208 against Oklahoma State), and in between he had 181 yards against Tulane, 172 against Missouri, 151 against Oklahoma and 142 against Kansas State. He broke the school records for rushing yards, touchdowns and scoring, among others.

"As a first season, I was satisfied with it," Bryant said. "But I'm looking for better this year. I'm going to try and be more under control."

"Some people consider me a finesse runner. I'm not the type of guy who can run over linebackers, but I can play the power game and the finesse game."

And if he continues to run like he did a year ago, he'll have to play the Heisman game, too. It's a game based largely on hype, but with his name and numbers, he should be counted in. ■

Mitch Donahue delivers physical, spiritual messages

By BOB HAMMOND
Laramie Daily Boomerang

With every snap of the ball, Wyoming defensive end Mitch Donahue delivers a message. It's a brutal message, one that flattens blockers and keeps quarterbacks scrambling for their lives.

"He's a great football player," Brigham Young Coach LaVell Edwards said of Donahue, the Defensive Player of the Year in the Western Athletic Conference last season and a two-time All-WAC pick. "He's so intense, a dominating type of guy. I love the way he plays and how hard he competes on every down."

But the message Donahue delivers off the field is altogether different. When the shoulder pads come off, the hard-hitting minister of defense becomes a softhearted minister of his faith.

"Everyone is born with a sense of searching for happiness," said Donahue, a 6-foot-3, 260-pound senior who speaks at religious gatherings throughout Wyoming and Montana, his home state. "Some find this happiness in drugs, and some find it in alcohol. I try to tell kids that they can find this same happiness in Christ."

Donahue became a born-again Christian in high school, but he didn't discuss it much until after two of his closest friends—Wyoming baseball player Doug Maher and football player Dave Schutt—were killed in senseless accidents. Maher was killed by a drunk driver, while Schutt died after being hit by a train while trying to hop a freight.

"When I first came to college, I compromised my principles a lot," Donahue said. "And then Doug and Dave were killed. They were good friends of mine. I had a lot of opportunities to talk to them about God, but I never took advantage of them. I wanted to tell them, but I never did. And now it is too late."

Donahue doesn't see any conflict of interest between his duties on the gridiron and his responsibilities as a Christian.

"I've had kids ask me how I can intentionally hit someone so hard on the football field and still be a Christian," he said. "But the way I see it, football is a ministry opportunity. Kids today won't listen to you if you're a wimp. I'm just trying to be the best football player I can be, and in order to do that, I have to be very aggressive."

Donahue hopes to carry his ministry to the National Football League.

"Pro football would be a great ministry for me," he said. "Pro athletes are able to get into schools and talk to kids, whereas a pastor of a particular religion can't because of the separation of church and state."

Donahue has the talent to star in the NFL. His intensity, quickness and furious hits make him one of the collegiate game's top pass rushers. Despite being double- and triple-teamed regularly, he has recorded 26 sacks, 21 tackles for losses and 44 quarterback hurries in three



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seasons at Wyoming.

"Mitch has been a truly outstanding football player, probably one of the best in Wyoming history," said Cowboys Coach Paul Roach, who rates Donahue as the best collegiate defensive lineman he has coached. "He has it all—size, quickness, speed and tenacity—which makes him truly outstanding. He's an everyday, every-play type of guy. He plays all out, all the time."

Donahue received his greatest football

honor last winter when he became the only active player to be named to the WAC All-Decade team. He was selected to a defensive front that includes former Outland Trophy winners Jason Buck (BYU, 1986) and Chad Hennings (Air Force, 1987). It is Donahue's goal in 1990 to join that list of Outland winners and to lead Wyoming to an undefeated season and a Holiday Bowl title.

"I'll be disappointed if it doesn't happen," he said. ■

Fresno's Craver takes odd route to Heisman race

By ANDY BOOGAARD
Fresno Bee

Some might wonder how a tailback who rates among the top Heisman Trophy candidates wound up at Fresno State. And those who knew him in high school might wonder how Aaron Craver ever wound up in shoulder pads at all.

Craver, you see, never played high school football. Not one down. The reasons for that go back to his elementary school years, when asthma made him a virtual bookworm.

Until he was about 10, the risk of asthma attacks prevented Craver from participating in outdoor sports. So, he whiled away the hours after school by reading. And by the fifth grade, he had learned so much from this recreational diversion that school officials decided to let him skip sixth grade, jumping directly to junior high. That amounted to almost a two-year leap for Craver, who had started school at the age of 4 (a few months before turning 5 in December). After skipping a grade, he was two years younger than most of his classmates.

That age gap was hardly noticeable in junior high. He made the emotional adjustment smoothly, and he was able to compete physically with the older kids. He played football, excelling as an option quarterback. But when he arrived at Compton (Calif.) High School, where the coaches had little need for a running quarterback in their pro-set offense, he was switched to wide receiver. Craver, whose 13-year-old body still had some maturing to do—he was about 5-foot-9 and 155 pounds—wanted no part of that. So, he quit football and concentrated on track.

After graduating from high school at the age of 16, Craver spent about two years coaching sports in a local park. He then enrolled at El Camino College in nearby Torrance, Calif., where he tried out for the baseball team. An ankle injury aborted that venture, but he decided to give junior college football a whirl after the ankle healed. He had grown three inches and added 35 pounds of muscle since high school, and the El Camino coaches liked what they saw. He made the team, rushed for 1,355 yards over two seasons (1987 and '88) and attracted attention from several major colleges.

Most of them backed off, however, when they learned that Craver's Scholastic Aptitude Test score in high school failed to meet the requirements of Proposition 48. Only Fresno State assistant Steve Mooshagian bothered to find out that Craver had graduated before Prop 48



Aaron Craver's 4.3-second speed over 40 yards is appealing to NFL scouts.

came along and that under the rules in effect at that time, he was eligible to transfer immediately and participate in spring practice. As a result, Craver became a Bulldog.

"Fresno State was the only school to check into everything," Craver explained. "They cared.... If it wasn't for coach Mooshagian and Fresno State, I would have never found out I was a predictor."

Considering Craver's limited football experience since junior high, no one could have predicted the success he enjoyed in his Bulldog debut last fall. He rushed for 1,248 yards (113.5 per game), scored 10 touchdowns and was named to the All-Big West team. He also became Fresno State's single-season rushing champion with 1,313 yards (including 65 yards in the California Raisin Bowl). "He could have rushed for 2,000 yards," Bulldogs Coach Jim Sweeney said.

Why didn't he? Well, there was the thigh muscle he pulled in the Bulldogs' second game. He played hurt the rest of the season.

"It got weaker and weaker," he said. "I didn't want to tell the coaches because I didn't want to sit around. I never did reach my full speed because I couldn't get total leg extension."

Craver also had to share the ball with fullback Myron Jones, who rushed for 863 yards and was drafted in the 11th round by the Los Angeles Raiders. This year, with Jones gone, Craver will be the primary ballcarrier.

"I visualize him as being able to run and catch with great productivity," Sweeney said. "If he's healthy, he will be one of the most outstanding backs in the country."

Craver says he's ready to burn.

"The injury healed about a month after the season," he said. "Being hurt probably helped me because it taught me patience, not to try to outrun people all the time, to sit back and use blockers. But I wish a lot of times when I got into the open field my leg was not hurting."

"Now I feel at top speed. My goal is to be at full speed every play, to be in the best shape possible and never get tired."

And the Heisman? Well, if playing at Fresno State—admittedly no Southern Cal or Notre Dame in terms of publicity potential—is a disadvantage, Craver isn't worried about it.

"I think a lot of players who go to bigger schools have insecurities; they think they won't get recognized if they go elsewhere," the 6-foot, 215-pound senior said. "But I'm not worried about others with big names. People who recognize talent will find it no matter where you are."

National Football League scouts have found Craver already. There's something appealing about muscular running backs with 4.3-second speed over 40 yards.

"When pro people came here last year, no matter who they came to see, they always asked, 'Who's number 5?'" Sweeney said. "He passes the eyeball test. He looks like a statue and he has so many pluses—he never fumbles, he catches the ball and he has great breakaway speed."

And he should be even better as a senior.

"I never really got relaxed last year," Craver said. "It was an initiation for me. Now it's a lot different. I feel I know the whole system. The more snaps, the more I learn because I really haven't played that much football. I had a pretty good year last year, but I can be better." ■

This McGwire hopes to tone down 'home run' zeal

By DON NORCROSS
San Diego Tribune

It was late in the 1988 season. San Diego State had lost seven of eight games, including six straight. Coach Denny Stoltz's job was in jeopardy. Two days before the Aztecs were to play their biggest rival, Brigham Young, a player stood up to speak at a team meeting.

Nothing strange there, except that the speaker hadn't seen a moment of action all season. Nor would he. The player was redshirt quarterback Dan McGwire.

"You guys should be winning," said McGwire, who had transferred to San Diego State of the Western Athletic Conference after playing two years at Iowa of the Big Ten. "It all comes down to your heart and how you look at the game. You aren't laying your heart on the line. You're giving up too easily."

Not everyone was thrilled with the speech—as former Aztecs running back Ron Slack was quick to point out.

"A lot of guys thought, 'Who does he think he is? He hasn't played a down,'" Slack recalled.

The coaching staff had a different viewpoint.

"What a heckuva leader," strength coach Dave Ohton offered.

The Aztecs went out 48 hours later and pulled off a 27-15 upset of perennial WAC powerhouse BYU, which had been riding a seven-game winning streak. Whether McGwire's words rallied the Aztecs is open to debate, but the talk most certainly epitomized the young man's personality.

McGwire's style is direct, forceful. Get it done—and get it done now. Rather than wait for his opportunity at Iowa, McGwire sought out another one. Rather than snip and cut and pick a defense apart, McGwire prefers to attack.

At 6-foot-8, the young man from Claremont, Calif., has an unusually good perspective from which to survey the opposition and plot strategy. And he put that advantage to particularly good use last season.

McGwire, in fact, was one of the primary reasons why San Diego State turned a small corner in 1989, going 6-5-1 under first-year Coach Al Luginbill after suffering back-to-back losing seasons. McGwire passed for 3,651 yards and ranked fifth in the nation in total offense with 285.25 yards per game as the Aztecs averaged 30.7 points.

"The guy is a born leader," Aztecs offensive lineman Nick Subis said. "You know who's in charge in the huddle. I'd do anything for him."

McGwire, now a senior, developed his no-nonsense, businesslike approach from his brother Mark, the Oakland Athletics' power-hitting first baseman. When Dan, four years younger than Mark, wasn't throwing one of his 65 touchdown passes at Claremont High School, 30 miles east of Los Angeles, he would go to the Southern California campus to watch his brother



Few quarterbacks, at any level, have the size (6-foot-8, 230 pounds) and arm strength of Dan McGwire.

work out. After Mark signed with the A's, Dan would drive to the team's spring-training base in Arizona and watch him perform.

"I look up to my brother," Dan said. "He has shown me a great deal about how hard he's worked. His rookie year he wasn't supposed to make the ball club. (Instead, Mark set a major league record for rookies, slugging 49 home runs.) He was always the first person at practice. He was always the last person to leave. I think that carried over to me."

Dan, on the other hand, quit playing baseball at age 12.

"I was rather bored," he said.

Just as Mark's big-league baseball career began in thunderous fashion, it appeared Dan's collegiate football career would get off to a relatively fast start. McGwire, preparing for his sophomore season at Iowa, won the Hawkeyes' starting quarterback job in the spring of 1987. However, when the squad returned for practice in the fall, Coach Hayden Fry reopened the competition. Finally, Fry elected to rotate McGwire, Chuck Hartlieb and Tom Poholsky at the start of the season. By midseason, Hartlieb was the starter and McGwire was third string.

"The way they handled the situation, I think they're missing out," McGwire said of the decision-makers in the Iowa football program. "I'll never look back on it. I know I made the right decision."

Bill Snyder, then Iowa's offensive coordinator and now head coach at Kansas State, remembers McGwire's unbridled eagerness.

"Dan was an impatient youngster," Snyder emphasized.

Impatient or not, McGwire showed flashes of talent for the Hawkeyes. In his two seasons of limited duty, he completed 47 of 84 passes for 680 yards and six touchdowns.

While McGwire recorded impressive statistics for San Diego State last year—he passed for 510 yards in one game and 426 in another—Luginbill thinks his signal-caller can play much better. The coach hopes he will read defenses with more accuracy and correct a tendency to force the ball deep.

"I was greedy, with a capital G," said McGwire, who threw 16 touchdown passes but suffered 19 interceptions. "I want to be a true quarterback who picks out his receivers, one, two, three."

McGwire's football strengths are obvious. Few quarterbacks, at any level, have a stronger arm. And at 6-8 and 230 pounds, he doesn't go down easily.

"Time and again I'd see guys hanging on him like a big tree trunk," said UCLA defensive coordinator Bob Field, whose team just got past the Aztecs in 1989 and has another date with McGwire and company in 1990. "I wish he'd have gone on to the NFL so we didn't have to line up against him. He's the best pure passer we played against."

McGwire, of course, would love to follow brother Mark's lead and play his sport professionally. But he feels no pressure to do so.

"I've never felt I had to make it because of my brother," he said. "I came to San Diego State to get a college education and to play football. If I don't play, I'll have my degree. (He is on target to graduate in December with a degree in public administration.) I'll go on with life."

Still, the San Diego State quarterback is confident about his football potential.

"Good things will happen to me," vowed McGwire, a player who obviously speaks his piece and then does everything in his power to deliver. ■

Long's blocks leave lasting impression

By BOB GILLESPIE
Columbia (S.C.) State

Torin Dorn didn't have an All-American vote in 1989, but if he had, chances are he'd have cast it for Clemson offensive tackle Stacy Long.

After Dorn woke up, that is.

The North Carolina cornerback's lingering impression of Long is a flash of white jersey followed by a smashing blow. His next thought, he said later, was "to get the number of that truck that hit me."

For Long, that moment from the first half of Clemson's 35-3 victory at North Carolina brings back memories of concern—and then satisfaction.

"I went downfield to block for (fullback) Wesley McFadden, and all of a sudden I saw (Dorn) out of the corner of my eye, coming off a block," recalled Long, a 6-foot-2, 275-pound senior. "I saw a wide-open chest and I went after it."

"I hit him square, saw him do a couple of flips and stay down there, and I thought, 'Lord, he's hurtin'.' It kinda scared me for a minute."

And rightfully so. Dorn was removed from the Kenan Memorial Stadium field by stretcher, but later returned to the sideline.

It was, Long said, his most emphatic block ever. "I love them kind," he said, grinning.

At Clemson, "them kind" are called "knockdowns." That's when a blocker sweeps a defender off his feet. Since 1978, when the Tigers began tracking such esoterica, no one has done it better than Long. He led Clemson tackles with 57 knockdown blocks last season, including 10 against Florida State and 11 against South Carolina.

"It's pretty hard to do one-on-one, unless you get someone off the line," Long said. "You don't want to try to knock someone down every play; you could lose technique. But if you have the chance, it's fun."

And rewarding. Long helped Clemson post a third straight 10-2 season and earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference and All-America honors in 1989. "I didn't even expect All-ACC," Long said, "so (the All-America citation from The Sporting News) really came out of the blue."

He hasn't let it go to his head. "No one would know he got All-America," Tigers guard Jeb Flesch said. "He's not the type who goes around talking about it."

But he has others talking, including members of Ken Hatfield's new coaching staff at Clemson. Hatfield left Arkansas to replace longtime coach Danny Ford.

"I knew he'd made some All-America



Stacy Long hasn't let All-America recognition go to his head.

teams last year," first-year line coach Larry Beckman said. "But after looking at him (in spring practice), I think he's better than our boy at Arkansas (Jim Mabry) who made Kodak first-team All-America.

"He deserves it. He's only 6-foot-2, and when they start picking All-America teams they look for 6-6, 300-pound guys. But Stacy'll get the job done. No doubt in my mind."

Long erased a few doubts, including his own, when he dominated Odell Haggins, Florida State's standout noseguard, in a 34-23 victory over the Seminoles.

"That game was a breakthrough for me," he said. "The year before, I'd played behind Jeff Nunamacher, who was All-ACC. He taught me a lot, but now I had to do it on my own."

By the time the Tigers played North Carolina State, which had defeated Clemson the three previous years, Long had no shortage of confidence—or motivation. He couldn't wait to take on Ray Agnew, the league's top defensive tackle.

"Everyone said, 'Agnew's All-America, all-world, he'll make you look bad on national TV (ESPN).'" Long said. "People sent me letters: 'Agnew says this, says that.' I was so hyped up. That was probably the best game I ever had."

Agnew wouldn't argue. In Clemson's 30-10 runaway, Long's most memorable play was a straight-on block on Agnew that cleared the way for tailback Joe Hender-

son's first-half touchdown run.

"That was the best, because I just drove him downfield on the sweep," Long said. "Joe hit the corner on the sweep, and I could hear Agnew saying, 'Oh, Lord.'"

Long smiled widely. "Well, he wasn't saying, 'Oh, Lord,' but it was something you couldn't print," he said.

Long, a self-professed "country boy" from Griffin, Ga., is as easygoing off the field as he is explosive on it. Said teammate Danny Sizer, "He plays too much Nintendo, his second-favorite sport is sleeping, and he needs to learn to talk without a dip (of chewing tobacco) in his mouth."

He doesn't even seem to mind his nickname, Frog. Long says it came from an uncle, who saw 5-year-old Stacy bouncing on a trampoline "just like a frog." But one teammate, requesting anonymity, said, "Ah, he just looks like a frog."

On the field, though, no one kids Long, who said he still hadn't watched the game in which he dominated Agnew.

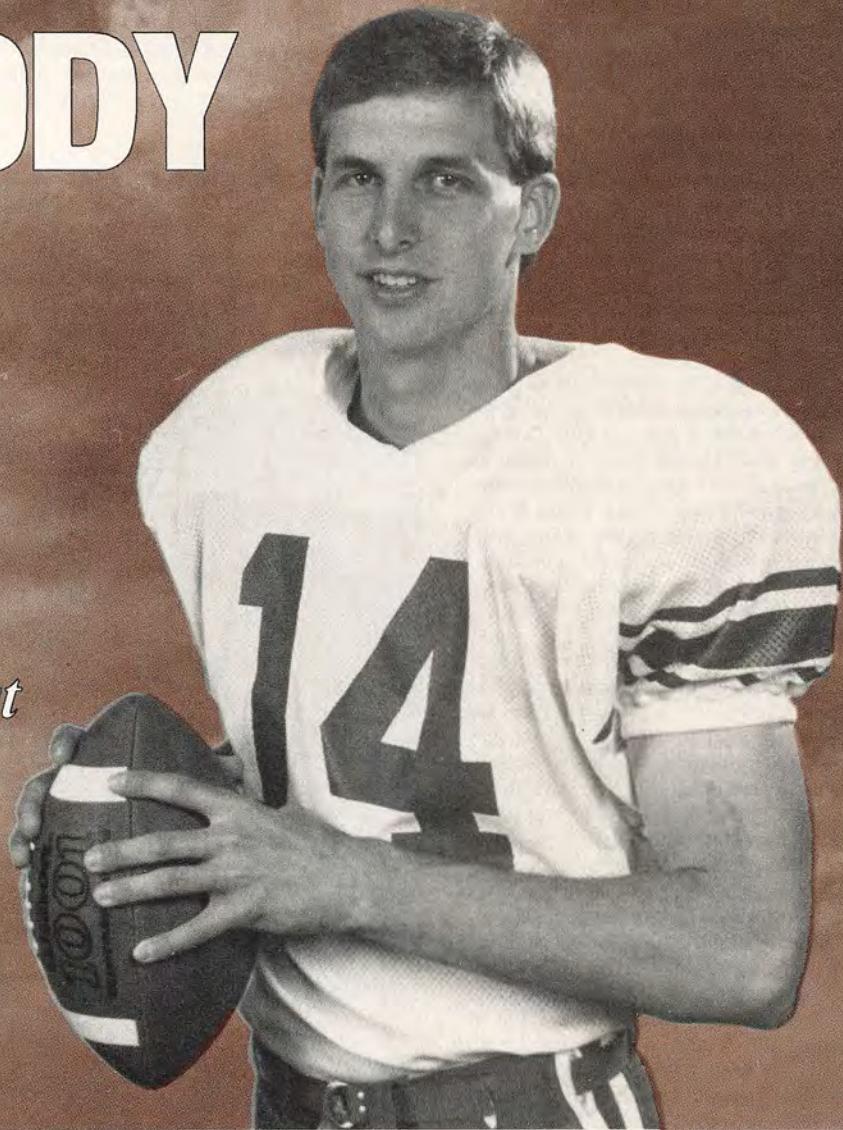
"My parents taped it," he said, "but something happened to the tape. I went over to (roommate Vance Hammond's) house the other day and his dad had the tape, but I didn't want to just watch that one play."

"But I will someday. It's funny, not knowing what it looked like."

Torin Dorn could tell Long how that feels. ■

THIS TY IS LIKE NOBODY ELSE

*Detmer's feel
for the game
sets him apart
from all the rest*



By MARION DUNN
Provo Daily Herald

Brigham Young quarterback Ty Detmer may not realize it, but he's about to become one famous young man. And yet all he cares about right now is UTEP.

Detmer, whom former CBS sports-caster Brent Musburger called "the best-kept secret in America" last November, won't be a secret much longer. Thanks to the early departure to the National Football League of Utah's Scott Mitchell, Illinois' Jeff George and 1989 Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware of Houston, Detmer now ranks as the quarterback with the best shot at this year's Heisman. And he'll get a chance to garner some early votes when BYU hosts defending national champion Miami on September 8 in a game scheduled for national TV.

So what weighs foremost on the mind of this junior quarterback? The dreaded Miners of Texas-El Paso, a team that won all of two games a year ago.

"It will be something extra special to play a team like Miami here in Provo next fall, but I'm not thinking about that game right now," Detmer said last spring. "It will be Miami's opener, but it will be our second game. We open at UTEP, and that's a conference game. Our goal every year is to win the WAC and go to the Holiday Bowl. To win the WAC, we have to beat UTEP. So we have to think about UTEP before we start thinking about Miami."

And he'll be thinking about the Hurricanes before he thinks about the Cougars' third opponent, and so on down the line. It's an attitude that endears Detmer to BYU Coach LaVell Edwards.

"If there's such a thing as a coach's

dream," Edwards said, "Ty's it."

So when it comes to talk about the 1990 Heisman, nothing could be further from Detmer's mind. "I don't even think about that," he said. "I've still got a lot to learn, and I just want to improve each year."

Edwards believes his quarterback's apparent indifference to awards is genuine. "I don't think he's hung up on the Heisman Trophy," the coach said. "Ty just prepares to win. He realizes that winning will bring the awards. Awards are an outgrowth of success for Ty."

Detmer enjoyed plenty of success in 1989, when he was named to the All-Western Athletic Conference first team in his first season as a starter. The 6-foot, 175-pounder led Division I-A in passing efficiency by completing 265 of 412 passes (64.3 percent) for 4,560 yards and 32

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touchdowns while throwing just 15 interceptions. Only Ware threw for more yards (4,699) than Detmer last year, but the Houston passer had 166 more attempts. Detmer also broke or tied 13 NCAA records, including most yards passing by a sophomore in a season, most consecutive 300-yard passing games (12) and most yards per completion in a season (17.2).

"He is the best quarterback in the country," Edwards said. "I know that is a lot to say, but I firmly believe that. He's as good at executing, reading and knowing what to do as anybody I've seen. He just makes good decisions. He knows what he's doing. ... He is humble, yet possesses great leadership ability and is well liked by his teammates."

Detmer capped his season with another record-setting performance in the Holiday Bowl against Penn State. Though BYU lost, 50-39, Detmer set three Holiday Bowl records and six marks for a Penn State opponent and was named the game's most valuable player (along with Nittany Lions tailback Blair Thomas). Detmer's 576 yards passing and 594 yards of total offense were the most ever by a player in any bowl game.

"Dan Marino never had that kind of night against us," Nittany Lions Coach Joe Paterno said. "Detmer is a great one. He smells of confidence. He has a great feel for the field and was not confused by anything we threw at him. We threw a lot of things at Detmer that a lot of good quarterbacks have not handled well over the years and were confused with. He wasn't."

Said Andre Collins, Penn State's second-team All-America linebacker last season: "He had me running around like a chicken with my head cut off. We didn't play that bad. Detmer is just that good. He knew all of the options, all the outs. I used up everything I had, but we didn't stop him."

Former Georgia coach Vince Dooley, who watched Detmer against Washington State and was a TV commentator at the Holiday Bowl, was similarly impressed.

"I've seen a lot of passers," he said, "but this guy—I've never seen one like him. He reads defenses like nobody else I've ever seen at such an early age. I've never seen one go to the second receiver as young as he does. And I've never seen anyone go to the right receiver at the right time as often as he does."

Detmer's performance against Penn State made it two years in a row that he had been named a bowl game MVP. As a redshirt freshman in 1988 he was named Freedom Bowl MVP after coming off the bench in the second half to lead the Cougars to a 20-17 victory over Colorado. BYU was trailing, 14-7, when he entered the game, but he completed 11 of 17 passes for 129 yards and one touchdown to rally the Cougars.

Edwards was not surprised by Detmer's heroics. "Ty is a very poised young man

who has shown he can play under pressure," he told reporters after the game. "He gave us a spark tonight."

Detmer took over in that game for starter Sean Covey, but he didn't come in cold. He had made one start that season, leading BYU to a 65-0 rout of New Mexico, and had seen enough action as Covey's backup to finish with 1,252 yards and 13 TD passes. Covey was returning in 1989, but the senior's major off-season knee surgery opened the door for Detmer, who won the starting job in the spring and never let go.

With two years of eligibility remaining, Detmer already ranks among the greatest quarterbacks in BYU history—and that's saying a lot. Brigham Young has produced such All-America quarterbacks as Gifford Nielsen, Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Robbie Bosco, and Detmer could emerge as the best of the bunch.

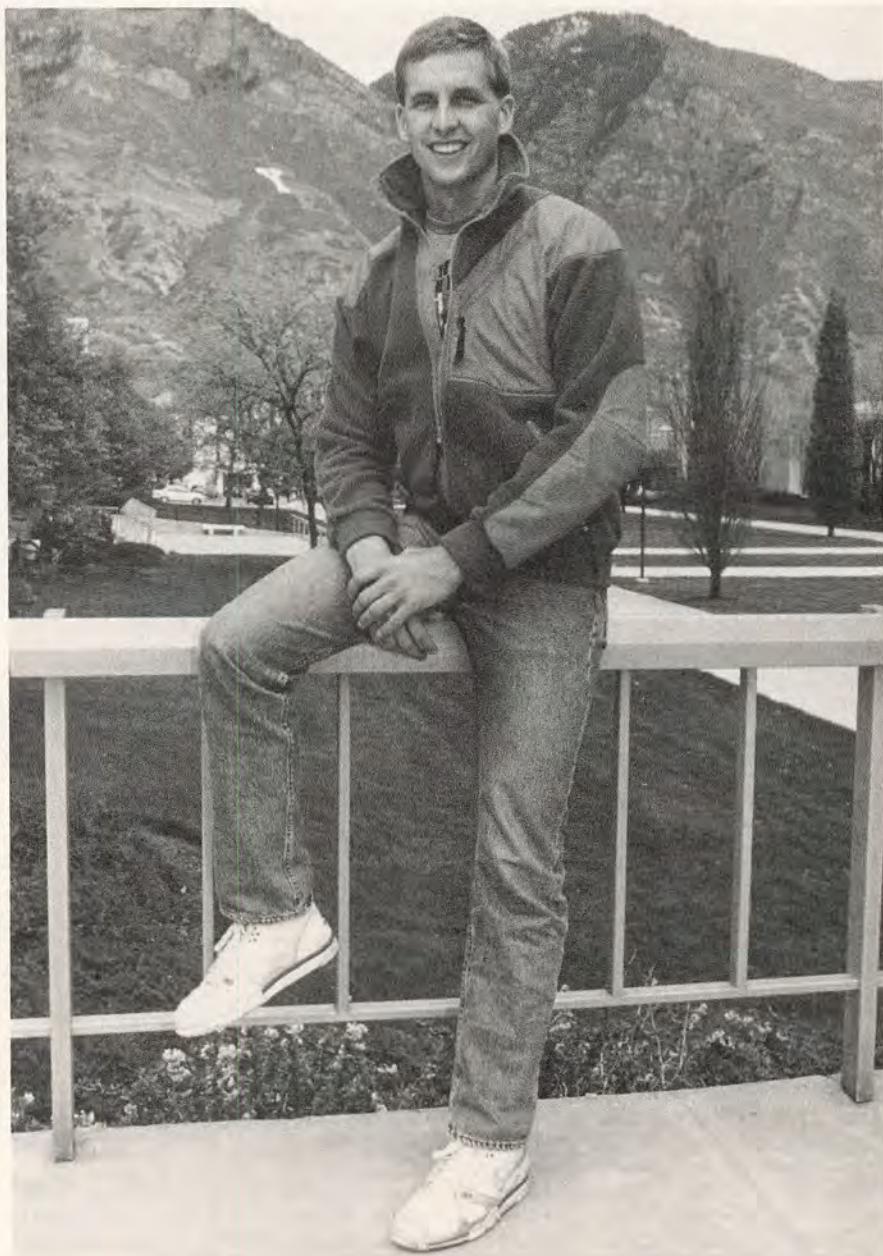
"He's a great football player," Edwards said. "You couldn't make a mold and have a guy turn out any better than Ty."

What's scary for BYU opponents is that Detmer figures to be even better this season. The Cougars are aware of a couple of flaws in his game that they're trying to perfect.

"He needs to continue working on his technique and he has to learn to be more patient," Edwards said.

To that end, Detmer has been getting help from Bosco, who led BYU to the national championship in 1984 and now is a graduate assistant under Edwards.

"Ty is learning to be more patient, to work the ball downfield," Bosco said last spring. "He has made great progress and is throwing the ball more to the backs and to the right people regardless of where they are on the field. We are also working on reset drills. The pocket isn't always perfect or doesn't always hold up, and he



Brigham Young appealed to Ty Detmer because of the football team's pass-oriented attack and the university's scenic setting.



Former BYU quarterback Robbie Bosco, Detmer's idol, is helping Ty perfect his game.

is learning how to move around and get the most out of the pocket, regardless.

"He has really good feet and sets up quickly, and he is working so hard that he is only going to get better."

Besides his tremendous athletic ability, Detmer's greatest strength may be his feel for the field and the game. "What sets Ty apart from other quarterbacks is his innate sense of the game, that sense that all great athletes seem to be born with," Edwards said.

"I think one big reason for that," Detmer explained, "is the fact my father (Sonny Detmer) is a high school coach and a quarterback coach."

He was Ty's coach, in fact, at Southwest High School in San Antonio, where he won Texas Player of the Year and prep All-America honors. He also earned letters in baseball, basketball, golf and track, but football was his calling.

"I've been around football all my life," Detmer said. "I started playing flag football in the second grade. I was a running back at first, but by the fourth grade I was a quarterback.

"All the time I was growing up, Dad would have his coaches and players in the house. I would hang around and listen to them. I sat in on their meetings before and after games.

"In high school we had a 30-minute drive to and from school. On the way home after practice or after a game, he would tell me what I had done wrong in the game and what I had to work on. It was never real hard criticism; he just talked to me about the things I should know and do.

"My father and I have always been close. We talk a lot about things other than football. We both love to hunt, and we go hunting in Texas whenever we can. We hunt for birds and for deer, everything.

"I'm the kind of hunter who likes everything about hunting. I enjoy getting in and cleaning the deer, really getting in the blood and guts and all that. We skin, dress and butcher our own meat, and that's a big part of hunting for me. My dad bought me a .22 when I was old enough to handle one, so I've been shooting a big part of my life."

Detmer doesn't have a rifle for a right arm, but his accuracy and smarts made him a blue-chip prospect coveted by such schools as Miami (Fla.), UCLA, Michigan and Texas A&M as well as BYU. Detmer's interest in the Cougars stemmed from his father, an offensive-minded coach who admired Edwards' passing attack. Detmer and BYU appeared to be a good match.

"I had heard about McMahon and Young, but I didn't really know anything about BYU," Ty recalled. "But I watched BYU play Air Force with Bosco at quarterback, and I really liked what I saw. Bosco became my particular idol. I liked the way BYU passes the ball."

"When it came time for me to pick the college I wanted to attend, Dad gave me some advice, but he didn't try to influence my decision. I made up a list of the schools I wanted to visit. Before my senior year (the summer of 1986), our family took a vacation. We got in the car and planned on visiting several schools.

"BYU was the first stop on my list. I was very impressed. I liked the fact that the school believes in self-discipline and I liked Coach Edwards and everything about his program."

The university's scenic setting, with the Wasatch Mountains providing a majestic backdrop to Cougar Stadium, appealed to Detmer, too. "Before we left Provo," he said, "I told Dad that BYU was the school I wanted to attend, so we didn't even visit the other schools." Instead, they went fish-

ing in the Provo River.

Detmer did return to Provo once, in January 1987, before signing a letter-of-intent. The occasion was his official visit to the school, but it was more like a weekend vacation. Since his mind already was made up, he spent his recruiting trip riding a snowmobile. For a lifelong resident of south Texas, that was quite a treat.

Detmer has fallen in love with many more of Utah's winter recreational opportunities, particularly snow skiing. His favorite resort is Alta, which is located in the canyons 30 miles north of Provo and just east of Salt Lake City. Alta is world famous for its powder, but Detmer has confined his skiing to the regular runs and jumping.

"I've logged some flying time," he said, "and I really enjoy it. When I made my first jump, I thought I would be able to look down on the mountains, but I must have shut my eyes because it was just black. I didn't see a thing."

"I could really get into ski jumping if I had the time and didn't have to worry about getting hurt and missing football."

Detmer probably will have to put his ski-jumping aspirations aside for quite some time—at least until he has concluded what promises to be a long, prosperous pro career. Barring injury, he'll be a high pick in the 1992 NFL draft.

And it will be the 1992 draft, he said. Even if he has a fantastic junior season and wins the Heisman, he has no interest in turning pro early.

"Playing in the NFL is always in the back of my mind and would be great if it happens," the education major said. "But it isn't my top priority."

"I won't even think about leaving BYU before I graduate. My real ambition is to become a coach. I need a degree for that, and I'm not going to think about playing in the NFL until I have that degree." ■

Ross Is Boss

Georgia Southern standout rates with I-AA's best

By TOM WHEATLEY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It didn't take Georgia Southern football fans long in 1987 to realize that Joe Ross was no ordinary Joe.

Snubbed by major-college recruiters after an outstanding prep career as a running back at Augusta (Ga.) Westside High School, Ross signed a letter-of-intent with the NCAA Division I-AA Eagles and quickly paid big dividends. He broke loose for a school-record 75-yard touchdown run in his first collegiate game and finished his freshman campaign with 1,018 rushing yards.

"It's been a most unusual situation," said Erk Russell, the successful Georgia Southern coach who retired last year after the Eagles had captured the 1989 I-AA national championship. "You wouldn't expect to get that kind of performance from an ordinary freshman. Then again, he was no ordinary freshman."

After an injury-plagued sophomore season in which Ross was limited to 636 yards, the 6-foot-1, 207-pound fullback entered his junior campaign with great expectations. He didn't disappoint, setting a passel of school rushing records en route to a 1,354-yard season. The Eagles, the only undefeated team in college football last year, finished 15-0 and captured the school's third national title.

Ross finished fourth in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the top I-AA player in the country. As the only junior finalist, he would seem to be among the early favorites to win the award this season.

But there's a hitch: Ross is coming off knee surgery. He missed Georgia Southern's spring practice after off-season surgery, but new Coach Tim Stowers expects him to be at full speed when the Eagles open the season September 1 against Valdosta State.

Little things like knee injuries don't keep Ross down for long. He proved that last season after injuring the knee early in a I-AA quarterfinal playoff game against Middle Tennessee State.

"He shredded the anterior cruciate ligament and also tore a cartilage," said Stowers, who moved up from offensive coordinator to the head coaching job when Russell announced his retirement after the title game. "The next morning, they scoped his right knee and they fixed the cartilage."

But Ross was told that the ligament damage would require further surgery and he sat out the Eagles' semifinal victory over Montana. He returned, however, for the title game against Stephen F. Austin State—wearing a knee brace.

Georgia Southern won, 37-34, and Ross rambled for 152 yards. It wasn't his best



Georgia Southern's Joe Ross combines the shiftiness of a tailback with the grittiness of a fullback.

effort—he set a school record of 280 yards in the regular-season finale against Marshall—but it wasn't bad for a man operating on 1½ legs.

Ross downplayed his title-game heroics.

"I had talked to the doctors extensively," he said, "and they explained to me that the chances of hurting it again were slim. They said the knee brace would act like the ligament."

That Ross is displaying his talents at Georgia Southern rather than a Division I-A school is a matter of timing. Good timing, as far as Stowers is concerned.

As a high school senior at Westside, Ross rushed for more than 2,000 yards and scored 23 touchdowns. He also was a sprinter on the Westside track team.

After his junior year, he had received a few inquiries from such schools as Georgia Tech and Clemson. "But they were very questionable on my speed," he said. "And I was only 5-11 and weighed about 180 then."

It wasn't until his senior-year performance in the Georgia state track meet that Ross attracted serious attention at the I-A level. "I ran third in the 100-meter dash," he said, "and it was like a three-man photo finish."

Shortly thereafter, he heard from Virginia, North Carolina State and other I-A schools. But by that time he already had committed to Georgia Southern.

"We just basically got lucky," Stowers said. "He's really a Division I-A football player."

Any doubts about Ross' speed dissolved

the first time he ran 40 yards for the Georgia Southern coaching staff.

"He had broken his arm after a high school all-star game," Stowers recalled. "He had a cast on his arm, and it wasn't one of those little ones. It went up about to his shoulder. And he ran a 4.57 with the cast on."

Ross simply made the best of his situation. He grew a couple of inches and added some much-needed bulk. His 1,018-yard freshman effort particularly impressed Stowers, who said: "We weren't loaded with talent. So that shows you his ability."

The Eagles' flexbone offense usually begins with Ross either running the ball or carrying out a fake.

"When we put the football in his belly, the defense is reading the inside veer," Stowers said. "They know the best way to lose is to let somebody go north-south on you. So they're basically going to try to stop him. And if they don't, he's going to go the distance."

Ross, who finished fourth on the national I-AA rushing charts last season by averaging 135.4 yards per game, combines the shiftiness of a tailback with the grittiness of a fullback. He was tackled for a loss only five times in 1989.

"He has real deceptive speed," Stowers said. "It doesn't look like he's running too fast, until you start chasing him. He has the ability to juke a tackle and make you miss. And he has great hands."

"I don't know what he can do better. Maybe his blocking. He's not terrible, but he could improve on it some."

Even if healthy, Ross and the rest of Georgia Southern's offense will have trouble matching the 424.6-yard-per-game average it produced last year. Five starters return, but four key linemen are gone.

The in-house promotion of Stowers, however, will help ease the pain created by the departure of Russell, who remains in Georgia Southern's athletic department.

"There's not much of a problem going on," said Ross, who already ranks as the No. 2 rusher in school history and needs only 204 yards to overtake career leader Tracy Ham. "We're just trying to keep the ball rolling. When you change coaches like we did, you're still learning from the same system."

Ross, an accounting major, knows that Georgia Southern will have its work cut out in 1990. He plans to do his part.

"I feel I need to bulk up a little more, get a little more solid weight," he said. "And I really just want to work on that heart, not coming down as easy and trying to get that extra yard."

"And I just want to keep that same intensity. I do enjoy the game. And I do like winning." ■

I-AA ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS**Rk. QUARTERBACKS**

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Scott Davis	6-2/205	Sr.	North Texas
2.	Chris Swartz	6-3/195	Sr.	Morehead State
3.	Frankie DeBusk	6-2/193	Sr.	Furman
4.	Grady Bennett	6-3/205	Sr.	Montana
5.	DeAndre Smith	5-8/180	Sr.	SW Missouri State
6.	Matt DeGennaro	6-2/209	Sr.	Connecticut
7.	Tom Ciaccio	6-1/180	Jr.	Holy Cross
8.	Shawn Gregory	6-3/205	Sr.	Jackson State
9.	Doug Pederson	6-4/198	Sr.	Northeast Louisiana
10.	Gary Wilkos	6-2/175	Soph.	Massachusetts

Rk. RUNNING BACKS

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Joe Ross	6-1/207	Sr.	Georgia Southern
2.	Carl Smith	5-10/185	Jr.	Maine
3.	Tim Lester	5-9/200	Jr.	Eastern Kentucky
4.	Amir Rasul	6-0/180	Sr.	Florida A&M
5.	Chris Thomas	5-9/181	Jr.	Boise State
6.	James Roberts	6-0/230	Soph.	UT-Chattanooga
7.	Markus Thomas	5-10/187	Soph.	Eastern Kentucky
8.	Walter Dean	5-11/200	Sr.	Grambling State
9.	Joe Campbell	5-10/175	Jr.	Middle Tenn. State
10.	Cisco Richard	5-10/185	Sr.	Northeast Louisiana

Rk. WIDE RECEIVERS

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Tim Barnett	6-2/203	Sr.	Jackson State
2.	Torrance Small	6-3/180	Jr.	Alcorn State
3.	Cedric Tillman	6-3/195	Jr.	Alcorn State
4.	Treamelle Taylor	5-10/170	Sr.	Nevada
5.	Eric Wright	6-0/200	Sr.	Stephen F. Austin
6.	Daren Altieri	6-0/194	Sr.	Boston University
7.	Mark Geroux	5-11/180	Sr.	Brown
8.	Tony Cook	5-9/180	Sr.	North Texas
9.	Lester Erb	5-10/168	Sr.	Bucknell
10.	Andre Motley	6-0/178	Sr.	Marshall

Rk. TIGHT ENDS

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	David Jones	6-4/230	Sr.	Delaware State
2.	Derrick Wright	6-2/230	Sr.	Stephen F. Austin
3.	Eric Ihnat	6-4/238	Sr.	Marshall
4.	Carlos Treadway	6-2/243	Jr.	Northwestern State
5.	Trevor Shaw	6-3/195	Soph.	Weber State

Rk. OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Keith Hatcher (C)	6-3/250	Sr.	Liberty
2.	Raymond Smith (T)	6-6/390	Sr.	Grambling State
3.	Reggie White (G)	6-3/265	Sr.	William & Mary
4.	Greg Bryant (T)	6-1/260	Sr.	Stephen F. Austin
5.	David Ewart (T)	6-3/290	Jr.	East Tennessee State
6.	Nigel Greene (T)	6-6/335	Jr.	Howard
7.	Chris Reed (G)	6-3/270	Sr.	SW Missouri State
8.	Al Jacevicius (T)	6-5/305	Sr.	Eastern Kentucky
9.	Jay Bloedorn (T)	6-6/280	Sr.	Cornell
10.	DeRhon Robinson (G)	6-3/285	Sr.	The Citadel

Rk. DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Erik Helgeson (E)	6-2/228	Sr.	Boise State
2.	Giff Smith (E)	6-1/225	Sr.	Georgia Southern
3.	Troy Boeck (T)	6-3/240	Sr.	UT-Chattanooga
4.	Tony Hill (E)	6-7/230	Sr.	UT-Chattanooga
5.	Malcolm Showell (E)	6-6/260	Sr.	Delaware State
6.	Lynn Rowland (E)	6-2/245	Sr.	Arkansas State
7.	Avery Hall (T)	6-2/240	Soph.	Appalachian State
8.	Reid Smith (T)	6-3/250	Sr.	Brown
9.	James Dozier (E)	6-3/245	Sr.	Morgan State
10.	Henry Blades (E)	6-2/260	Sr.	Grambling State

Rk. LINEBACKERS

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Eddie Robinson	6-3/230	Jr.	Alabama State
2.	Anthony Coleman	6-1/220	Sr.	Middle Tenn. State
3.	Kevin Harris	6-5/242	Sr.	Texas Southern
4.	Craig Callahan	6-2/220	Sr.	Holy Cross
5.	Johnny Jennings	6-2/217	Sr.	Appalachian State
6.	Dwayne Pelham	6-2/225	Sr.	Appalachian State
7.	Kevin Kendrick	6-0/220	Sr.	Furman
8.	Rob Hatch	6-1/223	Sr.	Montana State
9.	Bryan McGroarty	6-2/200	Jr.	Indiana State
10.	Matt Tulley	6-1/220	Jr.	Massachusetts

Rk. DEFENSIVE BACKS

Rk.	Player	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	David Primus	5-11/175	Jr.	Samford
2.	Kevin Smith	5-11/182	Sr.	Rhode Island
3.	Cedric McKinnon	6-1/195	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman
4.	Ivan Geralds	6-4/215	Sr.	Grambling State
5.	Bernard Ellison	6-2/195	Sr.	Nevada
6.	Kurt Schulz	6-1/205	Jr.	Eastern Washington
7.	Tim Lance	6-1/210	Sr.	Eastern Illinois
8.	Jimmy McCamey	6-0/205	Sr.	Middle Tenn. State
9.	Rodney Oglesby	5-10/166	Jr.	Georgia Southern
10.	Robert Talley	5-10/188	Sr.	Boston University

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Holy Cross LB**TSN'S I-AA TOP 20****1. GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

This program remains worthy of Top 40 billing on a Division I-A level.

2. HOLY CROSS

The Crusaders have clearly distinguished themselves as the I-AA Beasts of the East.

3. FURMAN

The Paladins annually rate among the best-drilled teams in the nation. Excellent depth.

4. EASTERN KENTUCKY

Roy Kidd, widely considered I-AA's finest coach, has its top offensive backfield.

5. UT-CHATTANOOGA

If their young stars mature quickly, the Moccasins could win the national crown.

6. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

The Lumberjacks, '89 runners-up to Georgia Southern, again have a solid team.

7. GRAMBLING STATE

Coach Eddie Robinson has built what could be his finest team in a decade.

8. MIDDLE TENN. STATE

The Blue Raiders boast the best skill-position talent in the country.

9. MONTANA

Led by several big-play men, the Grizzlies should outgun opponents this year.

10. BOISE STATE

Coach Skip Hall's job may depend on the Broncos winning big in '90.

11. DELAWARE STATE

The Hornets have few flaws and all the makings of a national contender.

12. FLORIDA A&M

The Rattlers are poised to regain their status among the nation's elite teams.

13. CONNECTICUT

The football Huskies, like their basketball brethren, are on the rise.

14. NE LOUISIANA

Among I-AA teams in the South, the Indians are the best.

15. ALCORN STATE

The Braves' passing attack could be lethal against any foe—I-AA or otherwise.

16. NEVADA

The Wolf Pack, only third best in the Big Sky, could win several other leagues' titles.

17. APPALACHIAN STATE

The Mountaineers' future looks bright under Coach Jerry Moore.

18. JACKSON STATE

If the Tigers finish in the Top 20, it'll be because of Coach W.C. Gorden.

19. DELAWARE

Tubby Raymond's teams are the most disciplined on the I-AA level.

20. SW MISSOURI STATE

The Bears plan to advance to Division I-A in the future. They're on the right track.

Former quarterbacks vie for position in Ivy

By GARY FALLESEN
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

Gary Steele's high school football coach described him as a "heady" quarterback. "Which means I had no talent," Steele explained.

Not as a player, anyway. He was invited to walk on at Penn State, then asked to walk off as quickly as his time in the 40 could carry him. "At least I could get us lined up right," he said, "which is what I still try to do."

These days, Steele is beginning his second season as coach at Pennsylvania, one of six teams in the Ivy League now coached by a former quarterback.

"It's ironic in one league to have so many (coaches) from one position," said Columbia's Ray Tellier, a quarterback at Connecticut in the early 1970s.

It does qualify as unusual. In the Big Eight, for instance, only three coaches (Nebraska's Tom Osborne, Iowa State's Jim Walden and Kansas State's Bill Snyder) are former quarterbacks. Yet the progression from calling signals to calling the shots is as natural as passing on third-and-long.

"It's a good head start on coaching," acknowledged Yale's Carmen Cozza, who played quarterback (among many other things) at Miami of Ohio from 1949 through 1951. "When they win, they're heroes. When they lose, they're bums."

"There's so much pressure riding on (the quarterback's) shoulders."

Jim Hofher withstood the heat at Cornell, where he returns in 1990 to make his head coaching debut. Buddy Teevens did the same at Dartmouth, where he begins his fourth season as coach of the Big Green.

Cozza remembers coaching against Hofher, Teevens and Tellier. "They were

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. YALE

Coach Carmen Cozza has the Bulldogs back on top with a devastating offensive attack.

2. PENNSYLVANIA

This program dominated the league in the 1980s, but the foundation has a few cracks.

3. CORNELL

In the wake of massive restructuring, the program and the '90 Big Red are question marks.

4. DARTMOUTH

Coming off a strong '89 finish, the Big Green rates as the league's sleeper.

5. HARVARD

A second-division finish is likely without a proven quarterback and big-play types.

6. PRINCETON

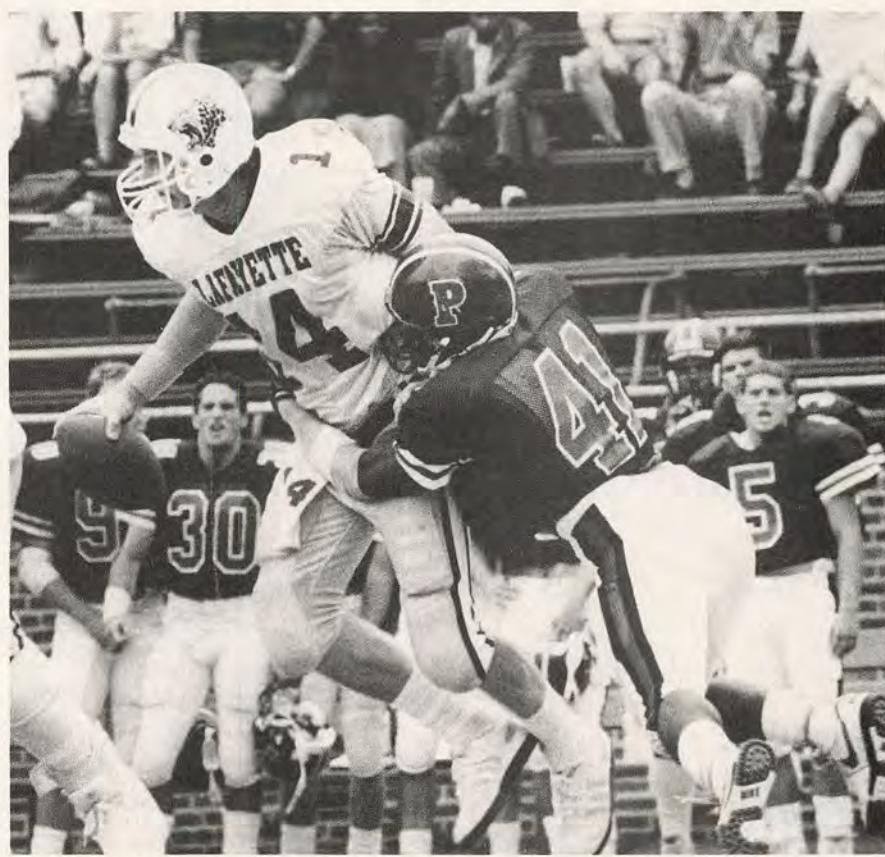
The returning cast and a weak class of newcomers offer little hope for a winning campaign.

7. BROWN

Maybe Mickey Kwiatkowski and his staff can lift the Bears from the depths of mediocrity.

8. COLUMBIA

This football program is as weak athletically as it is strong academically.



Jay Lee heads a strong Pennsylvania linebacking corps.

tough on the field," he said, "and they're not too bad on the sideline."

Steve Tosches got his start in college football as a quarterback at Rhode Island in the late '70s. He's still in the game, coaching at Princeton. "I guess we're afraid to go out into the real world and get a job," he joked.

Said Tellier: "It's probably coincidence. Maybe in 10 years there won't be any more quarterbacks in coaching. Maybe everyone will smarten up and not hire any more."

Does Steele expect any of his quarterbacks at Pennsylvania to follow his lead? "I don't know," he said, "but if you graduate from Penn and become a football coach, you need your butt kicked."

Steele would prefer they win an Ivy League title, then get a real job. What are the chances of the former happening? Let's see how the race shapes up in 1990:

YALE

Coach: Carmen Cozza (150-78-5, 25 years).

1989 record: 8-2; Ivy: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Pete Caravella, WR; Mike Ciotti, C; Jim Griffin, TE; Brian Hennen, DB; Erik Hilinski, OT; Rich Huff, DB; Glover Lawrence, DT; Tom O'Brien, LB; Jim Parsons, DB; Jon Reese, LB; Chris Rutan, DB; Scott Wollam, DT.

Starters returning: Offense (6): Kevin Callahan, TB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Terry Johnson, T, 6-5/280, Sr.;

Darin Kehler, QB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Chris Kouri, FB, 5-11/192, Jr.; Chris Michalik, G, 6-2/221, Sr.; Rob Michalik, G, 6-2/238, Sr. **Defense (3):** Chris Gaughan, LB, 6-1/216, Sr.; Carmine Perrelli, NG, 6-4/275, Jr.; Craig Vickery, LB, 6-1/215, Jr.

Other key players: Greg Bowman, P, Jr.; John Furjanic, DB, Sr.; Jeff Gromlowicz, DT, Jr.; Ben Heim, LB, Soph.; Milt Hubbard, LB, Soph.; Joe Jackson, LB, Sr.; Adam Lenain, WR, Jr.; Ed Perks, K, Jr.; David Russell, C, Jr.; Maurice Saah, DB, Jr.; Mark Semlow, OT, Sr.; Kevin Skol, LB, Jr.

Schedule: At Brown, Sept. 15; Lafayette, Sept. 22; Connecticut, Sept. 29; Colgate, Oct. 6; at Dartmouth, Oct. 13; Columbia, Oct. 20; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 27; Cornell, Nov. 3; Princeton, Nov. 10; at Harvard, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Elis, Bulldogs.

Site: New Haven, Conn.

The best quarterback in the league didn't intend to be in the league. Coach Carmen Cozza had to drag Darin Kehler out of his dorm when he was a sophomore.

"He thought he was a little small to play," Cozza remembers about the 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior. "He was going to concentrate on baseball."

Rather than running basepaths, Kehler set a Yale single-season rushing record for quarterbacks by gaining 903 yards in 1989 as the triggerman for the Elis' wishbone.

"We surprised a few folks," said Cozza, whose squad shared the league title with Princeton. "No one knew we were going to run the 'bone and stay with it."

The Elis won't sneak up on anyone this year. The entire starting backfield returns from a team that ranked 12th in Division

Key to abbreviations on page 192.
Asterisk denotes returning starter.

I-AA by averaging 225.7 rushing yards per game.

Kehler, tailback Kevin Callahan and fullback Chris Kouri (three of the league's Top 10 rushers in 1989) will line up again behind tackle Terry Johnson and guards Rob and Chris Michalik, identical twins Cozza said he can identify "only by their numbers." Those are the top "Toads," which is what Yale linemen fancy themselves.

"Offensively, we're a little stronger than we were last year," Cozza said. "The problem is on the defensive side of the ball."

The Elis lost six three-year defensive backs to graduation and two starters from both the line and linebacking corps. All-league linebacker Chris Gaughan, the team's leading tackler, is back. He'll be joined on defense by Maurice Saah, who has been converted from tailback to the secondary to fill one of many vacancies.

The kicking game is in good feet with All-Ivy selection Ed Perks and punter Greg Bowman, but Cozza is worried about his defense.

"That's where we won last year," he said. "Having eight new starters, I think that's a few too many."

Not if Kehler and Co. refuse to give up the ball.

PENNSYLVANIA

Coach: Gary Steele (4-6, 1 year).

1989 record: 4-6. Ivy: 2-5/T5th.

Key losses: Dave Amadio, P; Bill Anasti, TE; Franklin Ferguson, CB; Malcolm Glover, QB; Jorge Johnson, DT; Steve Johnson, FS; Bryan Keys, RB; Mark Ligos, SS; P.J. Maley, FB; Kevin Morrison, OG; Armin Moshyedi, OG; David Whaley, WR.

Starters returning: Offense (3): Wes Carter, SE, 6-0/185, Sr.; Greg Ulmer, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Joe Valerio, T, 6-5/270, Sr. **Defense (8):** Steve Bankston, LB, 5-11/210, Sr.; Dan Curtin, T, 6-3/225, Sr.; Dan Dedic, T, 6-1/230, Jr.; Jon Ford, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Tony Frazier, LB, 6-0/213, Jr.; Joe Kopcha, LB, 6-1/215, Jr.; Jay Lee, LB, 6-0/190, Jr.; Lerone Sidberry, CB, 5-11/165, Sr.

Other key players: Chris Brassell, WR, Soph.; Odin Brutsche, OL, Soph.; Steve Farr, FB, Jr.; Tony Frazier, LB, Jr.; Rich Friedenberg, K, Sr.; Tom Gibbs, DB, Soph.; Mace Grant, DB, Soph.; Brian Griffin, LB, Sr.; Steve Hooper, RB, Sr.; Zac Kirk, DB, Sr.; Brian Mathews, RB, Jr.; Palmer Myers, OL, Sr.; Brett Nakfoor, NG, Sr.; Tom Oko, CB, Jr.; Stephen Palmer, DB, Jr.; Eric Poderys, DL, Sr.; Sundi Rush, RB, Soph.; Bill Schwaneude, LB, Jr.; Rob Sims, P, Soph.

Schedule: at Dartmouth, Sept. 15; Holy Cross, Sept. 22; at Lafayette, Sept. 29; Lehigh, Oct. 6; Columbia, Oct. 13; at Brown, Oct. 20; Yale, Oct. 27; at Princeton, Nov. 3; Harvard, Nov. 10; at Cornell, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Quakers.

Site: Philadelphia.

The Ivy's team of the 1980s is poised for a return to the top. "We're definitely contenders," said Coach Gary Steele, whose fifth-place debut at Penn in 1989 closed a decade in which the Quakers won or shared six Ivy titles.

Despite the loss of running back Bryan Keys, the league's No. 2 all-time rusher behind Ed Marinaro, Penn has a championship-caliber lineup. It is bigger than last year's, which likely means it will be better.

"We weren't big and physical up front," Steele said. "That has always been my forte. We always felt we could win up

front. Last year, we couldn't do that."

Last year, the Quakers were trampled, yielding an average of 203.4 rushing yards per game. The line will improve with the return of Eric Poderys, who sat out the year with a shoulder injury. Penn's six returning linebackers, led by Joe Kopcha and Jay Lee, were among the team's top nine tacklers, and Lerone Sidberry is one of the Ivy's best defensive backs.

Sidberry didn't get challenged much in 1989. "From midseason on, teams were just running on us," Steele said. "They didn't even bother throwing the ball."

That will change, however. "We're a little more confident from a defensive standpoint and from an offensive front standpoint," he said.

Penn's offensive line is beefier. Joe Valerio, an All-Ivy tackle, is 6-5, 270 pounds, and regarded as a pro prospect. "He has great feet (he runs the 40-yard dash in 5.2 seconds)," Steele reports, "and a wingspan they like."

Keys will be missed because he was the team's workhorse. But with his graduation, Penn can return to its two-tailback system. Brian Mathews, a track man who runs a 4.4 time in the 40, and Steve Hooper have the potential to be a dynamic duo.

Eric Hull and Doug Hensch will vie for Malcolm Glover's vacated quarterback spot. Steele said he won't curse either of them by saying they're "heady."

CORNELL

Coach: Jim Hofher (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 4-6. Ivy: 2-5/T5th.

Key losses: Andy Bednar, K; Mike Brown, S; Eugene Dallas, S; Brian Files, DE; Chris Finn, LB; Drew Fraser, OT; Steve Hettrich, TE; Mitch Lee, LB; Bob Logue, LB; Evan Parke, CB; Dale Prinny, WR.

Starters returning: Offense (8): Jay Bloedorn, T, 6-7/303, Sr.; Chris Cochrane, QB, 6-3/218, Sr.; Chris Field, G, 6-2/274, Jr.; Greg Finnegan, C, 6-



Quarterback Chris Cochrane returns to run the show for Cornell.

2/253, Jr.; Mike Grant, WR, 5-9/166, Jr.; Jason Jenkins, G, 6-1/251, Jr.; John McNiff, FB, 6-0/206, Jr.; Scott Oliaro, HB, 5-11/191, Jr. **Defense (5):** Tim Cronin, T, 6-3/235, Sr.; Ardrell Mannings, T, 6-4/229, Sr.; Ken Potash, P, 6-6/193, Jr.; Rob Ryder, E, 6-2/239, Sr.; Paul Tully, CB, 5-10/181, Sr.

Other key players: Mark Broderick, LB, Jr.; John Dankert, DE, Soph.; Pat Fagan, CB, Sr.; Eric Forner, RB, Jr. (transfer/Air Force); Rick Green, WR, Jr.; Steve Haggerty, RB, Soph.; Mike Jamin, WR, Soph.; Rick McAtee, S, Sr.; Don Prinny, LB, Sr.; Robert Schroeder, OT, Jr.; Matt Speicher, RB, Soph.; Troy Thompson, C, Soph.; Ron Vitullo, LB, Soph.; Blu Whipple, DE, Sr.; Gerry Willinger, S, Sr.

Schedule: Princeton, Sept. 15; at Colgate, Sept. 22; Bucknell, Sept. 29; at Harvard, Oct. 6; at Lafayette, Oct. 13; Dartmouth, Oct. 20; Brown, Oct. 27; at Yale, Nov. 3; at Columbia, Nov. 10; Pennsylvania, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Big Red.

Site: Ithaca, N.Y.

Coach Jim Hofher didn't know until the day he graduated from Cornell what his life's work would be.

"I was driving home from graduation," he recalled. "I'd received a message prior to leaving. I stopped at a pay phone."

He dialed John Mackovic's number at Wake Forest, and was hired as a graduate assistant. "That," he said, "made my day complete."

Diploma in hand and whistle around his neck, Hofher went to work. He has since been employed by Wake, Miami of Ohio, Syracuse and Tennessee.

Eleven years later, the former quarterback has come full circle, making his head coaching debut at his alma mater. "I don't know what's going to be like until we start playing games," he said.

Before that, he will have changed Cornell's offense and defense and sorted out the players. "It's hard for me to think anyone has more returning players," said Hofher, who welcomes back 13 starters and 14 letter-winning reserves.

John McNiff, voted the Ivy's Sophomore of the Year in 1989, returns at running back. He'll line up behind four familiar fannies, including those belonging to All-Ivy tackle Jay Bloedorn and center Greg Finnegan.

Mike Grant stands out in the receiving corps, and will continue to be a favorite target of quarterback Chris Cochrane.

Defensively, Cornell loses three starters at linebacker but returns three up front, including end Rob Ryder. The secondary boasts last season's team interception leader, Paul Tully, at one corner.

"We're excited about the guys we have," said Hofher, who is excited about returning to his collegiate football roots.

DARTMOUTH

Coach: Buddy Teevens (12-18, 3 years; 25-27 overall, 5 years).

1989 record: 5-5. Ivy: 4-3/4th.

Key losses: Chris Casturo, S; David Clark, FB; Rob Hibbard, P; Mark Johnson, QB; Tommy Lamme, CB; Kevin Luensmann, DT; Tom Parker, WR; Carl Romero, K; Harris Siskind, G; John Slusher, FB; Nick Stanham, WR.

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TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-IVY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
WR	MIKE BOBO, Dartmouth
WR	MIKE GEROUX, Brown
TE	BILL MILLER, Brown
T	JAY BLOEDORN, Cornell
T	JOE VALERIO, Pennsylvania
C	GREG FINNEGAN, Cornell
G	MIKE DAVIS, Princeton
G	MIKE ZWEBER, Harvard
QB	DARIN KEHLER, Yale
RB	KEVIN CALLAHAN, Yale
RB	JOHN McNIFF, Cornell

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School
DL	PETE CHAPMAN, Dartmouth
DL	RENARD CHARITY, Princeton
DL	ROB RYDER, Cornell
DL	REID SMITH, Brown
LB	CHRIS GAUGHAN, Yale
LB	JOE KOPCHA, Pennsylvania
LB	JAY LEE, Pennsylvania
LB	GALEN SNYDER, Columbia
DB	MIKE HIROU, Princeton
DB	SAL SCIRETTO, Dartmouth
DB	LERONE SIDBERRY, Pennsylvania
DB	PAUL TULLY, Cornell

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School
PK	ED PERKS, Yale
P	GREG BOWMAN, Yale

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Darin Kehler
Yale QB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Reid Smith
Brown DL

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Darin Kehler, Yale, 90.3 yds.pg (210 att., 903 yds., 6 TDs, 4.3 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Joel Sharp, Princeton, 136.1 rating pts. (181 att., 103 comp., 1,378 yds., 12 TDs).

Total offense: Darin Kehler, Yale, 177.3 yds.pg (903 yds. rushing, 870 yds. passing, 1,773 total yds.).

Receiving: Mike Geroux, Brown, 3.5 rec.pg (28 rec., 376 yds., 0 TDs, 13.4 avg.).

Scoring: Kevin Callahan, Yale, 4.8 pts.pg (8 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 48 pts.); Nick Badalato, Brown, 4.8 pts.pg (8 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 48 pts.).

Punting: Greg Bowman, Yale, 36.4 avg. (34 punts, 1,236 yds.).

Punt returns: Tom Oko, Pennsylvania, 8.8 avg. (13 att., 114 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Al Rosier, Dartmouth, 20.6 avg. (23 att., 473 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Ed Perks, Yale, .90 FG.pg (9/14 FGs, 64.3%).

Interceptions: Pat Allman, Brown, .50 int.pg (5 int., 183 yds., 1 TD).

Starters returning: Offense (6): Matt Dunning, T, 6-6/295, Sr.; Chad Gallentine, G, 6-2/255, Sr.; Chris Mawn, TE, 6-3/220, Jr.; Dave Murphy, T, 6-4/250, Sr.; Shon Page, TB, 5-8/200, Sr.; Steve Santucci, C, 6-0/260, Sr. **Defense (8):** Jeff Blackburn, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Pete Chapman, NG, 6-1/235, Sr.; Rich Joyce, LB, 5-10/200, Sr.; Cliff McDonald, LB, 6-1/230, Jr.; Tom Morrow, LB, 6-0/185, Jr.; Mike O'Flynn, T, 6-1/230, Sr.; Brad Preble, S, 6-0/185, Sr.; Sal Sciretto, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.

Other key players: Mike Bobo, WR/P, Jr.; Brendan Mahoney, TB, Sr.; Harry Wright, LB, Jr.

Schedule: Pennsylvania, Sept. 15; Lehigh, Sept. 22; at New Hampshire, Sept. 29; at Holy Cross, Oct. 6; Yale, Oct. 13; at Cornell, Oct. 20; Harvard, Oct. 27; Columbia, Nov. 3; at Brown, Nov. 10; at Princeton, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Big Green.

Site: Hanover, N.H.

mouth, Oct. 27; Brown, Nov. 3; at Pennsylvania, Nov. 10; Yale, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Crimson.

Site: Cambridge, Mass.

Coach Joe Restic, a former receiver and defensive back with the 1952 Philadelphia Eagles, has become a respected teacher of quarterbacks. He needs to find an A-student in a hurry.

"If we don't, we won't be able to do as much," he said, referring to the multi-flex offense his team runs. "The more we can do, the more pressure we put on people."

People around the Ivy already believe, as one coach said, that Harvard is "potentially dangerous every year." But replacing quarterback Tim Perry is the Crimson's first order of business.

"It's a lot easier when you have an experienced quarterback returning," said Restic, who was invited to work with the Los Angeles Rams' quarterbacks during their 1979 preseason. "You can do so much more."

Harvard's only starters back on offense are linemen Doug Rosenberry, Mike Zweber and Tom Callahan. Andy Bell, who carried only 38 times last season, is the most experienced running back.

Defensively, the Crimson have three veterans returning in the secondary, including starters Sean Koscho at free safety and Greg Belsher at cornerback. "That'll be the strength position for us," Restic said.

The weak link may be up front, where only tackle John Brzezenski is back.

"We're green," admitted Restic, not giving away any secrets.

PRINCETON

Coach: Steve Tosches (19-10-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 7-2-1. Ivy: 6-1/T1st.

Key losses: Vince Avallone, S; Rick Emery, DE; Judd Garrett, RB; Scott Gibbs, WR; Tom Haan, WR; Rob Henricks, DT; Steve Hillegeist, DT; Chuck Jones, OT; Gary Kempinski, LB; Frank Leal, CB; Pete Masloski, TE; Franco Paganelli, LB; Ed Record, OG; Brad Remig, P; Bob Surace, C.

Starters returning: Offense (4): Mike Davis, G, 6-3/240, Sr.; Chris Hallahan, FB, 5-9/210, Sr.; Gavin Lowrey, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; Joel Sharp, QB, 5-9/175, Sr. **Defense (4):** Renard Charity, E, 6-5/240, Sr.; Jim Freeman, LB, 6-3/225, Jr.; Mike Hirou, S, 6-0/190, Sr.; James Lowry, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.

Other key players: Joe Baker, WR, Sr.; Pete Barclay, OT, Sr.; Tom Bevan, CB, Sr.; David Bocian, C, Jr.; Anthony Ciccia, G, Jr.; Trevor Crossen, S, Sr.; Gene Demorat, LB, Soph.; Mike Dimarino, S, Jr.; Mel Gaylord, RB, Jr.; Marion Gajja, TE, Sr.; Chris Lutz, K, Sr.; Joe Macaione, LB, Sr.; Leon Newsome, DE, Jr.; Josh Rudolph, FB, Jr.; Tom Ryan, DE, Jr.; Steve Schildt, DT, Sr.; Mike Straughn, OT, Sr.; Matt Tarleton, WR, Jr.; Steve Tufillaro, WR, Soph.

Schedule: At Cornell, Sept. 15; Fordham, Sept. 22; at Colgate, Sept. 29; Brown, Oct. 6; at Bucknell, Oct. 13; Harvard, Oct. 20; at Columbia, Oct. 27; Pennsylvania, Nov. 3; at Yale, Nov. 10; Dartmouth, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Princeton, N.J.

The Tigers are on their own—the Garrett family is gone. Judd Garrett was the last to run for the bus. In three seasons, he broke nearly every rushing record at Princeton.

"He played in 30 straight varsity

HARVARD

Coach: Joe Restic (102-73-5, 19 years).

1989 record: 5-5. Ivy: 5-2/3rd.

Key losses: Mike Bertuccio, C; Mark Bianchi, SE; Kevin Collins, SE; Bus Crain, G; Greg Gicewicz, NG; Gerald Mahon, OT; Rick McIntire, LB; Art McMahon, HB; Silas Myers, HB; Greg Peck, LB; Tim Perry, QB; Jim Reidy, HB; Jim Smith, LB.

Starters returning: Offense (3): Tom Callahan, T, 6-6/270, Sr.; Doug Rosenberry, G, 6-2/290, Jr.; Mike Zweber, G, 6-3/250, Sr. **Defense (3):** Greg Belsher, CB, 6-1/175, Jr.; John Brzezenski, T, 6-4/250, Sr.; Sean Koscho, S, 6-1/180, Jr.

Other key players: Steve Dennen, DE, Jr.; Geoff Fletcher, HB, Jr.; Scott Johnson, K, Jr.; Derek Lewis, P, Sr.

Schedule: At Columbia, Sept. 15; Northeastern, Sept. 22; at Holy Cross, Sept. 29; Cornell, Oct. 6; Fordham, Oct. 13; at Princeton, Oct. 20; at Dart-

games," Coach Steve Tosches said. "He never missed a play we wanted him to be a part of. That was a tremendous security blanket. It's a little scary (to be without him)."

A year ago, Tosches was lamenting the loss of quarterback Jason Garrett, his quarterback and Judd's brother. Joel Sharp stepped in, however, and led Princeton to an Ivy co-championship as the 13th-ranked passer in Division I-AA. Judd Garrett, meanwhile, was voted the Ivy's player of the year.

"We've had three straight winning seasons, which no other team in the league has," Tosches said. "I don't feel the bottom is going to fall out of this program."

One opposing coach isn't so sure. "Princeton feels they've turned the corner and can replace those kids every year," he said. "I'm not 100 percent sold on that."

In addition to Sharp, the Tiger offense returns fullback Chris Hallahan (4.7 yards per carry in 1989), All-Ivy guard Mike Davis and tackle Gavin Lowrey. Tight end Marin Gjaja was a star on Princeton's Top 20 volleyball team, and wide receiver Matt Tarkenton caught passes from his Pro Football Hall of Fame father, Fran, when he was growing up.

While the loss of Garrett left a large gap in the offense, linebacker Franco Paganelli's departure leaves an even bigger hole in the Tigers' defense. Sophomore Gene Demorat could fill the void. He was the top defensive player on a 1-4-1 freshman team in 1989.

The secondary is in good shape with Mike Hirou and James Lowry returning, and all-league hopeful Renard Charity is back up front. The kicking game still features Chris Lutz, the I-AA field-goal leader in 1988.

"The truest test of our program is presented to us in 1990," Tosches said. "Now

that we've reached the level we wanted to be at, can we stay there?"

BROWN

Coach: Mickey Kwiatkowski (first year at Brown; 68-27 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 2-8. Ivy: 2-5/T5th.

Key losses: Dan Clark, QB; John Francis, CB; Ralph Green, TE; Steve Harrison, OL; Steve Kapfer, LB; Stephan Lins, K; Jon Skinner, FB; Anthony Smith, CB; Dave Tauber, OL.

Starters returning: Offense (7): Nick Badalato, RB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Alan Christianson, C, 6-1/245, Sr.; David Cromack, G, 6-1/240, Jr.; Mike Geroux, WR, 5-11/180, Sr.; Todd Roth, WR, 6-1/195, Sr.; David Slates, T, 6-2/235, Sr.; Rodd Torbert, WR, 6-3/200, Jr. **Defense (9):** Pat Allman, S, 5-11/175, Jr.; Ron Dalglish, E, 6-3/235, Sr.; Rob Dumanois, LB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Jeff Good, T, 6-1/240, Jr.; Jason Pankau, LB, 6-0/215, Jr.; Greg Patrick, S, 6-1/195, Sr.; Brad Sidwell, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Reid Smith, T, 6-3/250, Sr.; Duane Weirich, E, 6-1/225, Sr.

Other key players: Brett Brown, RB, Soph.; Chris Cady, RB, Soph.; Wayman Caldwell, RB, Sr.; Fred Cooper, RB, Sr.; Matt DeSutter, LB, Jr.; George Dzuro, DB, Sr.; Jim Hall, WR, Sr.; Bill Miller, TE, Sr.; Tom Nybo, LB, Soph.; Scott Perry, DL, Sr.; Dave Petrella, DT, Sr.; Ryan Roberson, DE, 6-1/220, Sr.; P.J. Sacco, P, Jr.; Bruce Smith, RB, Soph.; Rodney Vincent, RB, Sr.; Rich Willis, QB, Sr.; Rod Wooters, OL, Sr.

Schedule: Yale, Sept. 15; at Rhode Island, Sept. 22; Fordham, Sept. 29; at Princeton, Oct. 6; Holy Cross, Oct. 13; Pennsylvania, Oct. 20; at Cornell, Oct. 27; at Harvard, Nov. 3; Dartmouth, Nov. 10; at Columbia, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bears.

Site: Providence, R.I.

Mickey Kwiatkowski, an offensive guard during his playing days at Delaware, built Hofstra into a Division III power in the 1980s. He enters 1990 trying to rebuild the Bears.

He'll start by finding a quarterback who can run his wing-T flex offense and throw to All-Ivy wide receiver Mike Geroux, the top returning receiver in the league, and

tight end Bill Miller.

Three of five starters are back on the offensive line, as well as the team's rushing leader in 1989, tailback Nick Badalato. We wonder if Kwiatkowski's books, "The Offensive Lineman's Handbook" and "The Offensive Back's Handbook," will be required reading.

Defensively, the Bears can look to co-captain Reid Smith for leadership on the line. The impressive tandem of Brad Sidwell and Jason Pankau returns at linebacker, and Pat Allman and Greg Patrick are back in the secondary. Allman intercepted a team-leading five passes, while Patrick, also a co-captain, led Brown in tackles in 1989.

COLUMBIA

Coach: Ray Tellier (1-9, 1 year).

1989 record: 1-9. Ivy: 1-6/8th.

Key losses: Mike Anastasio, C; Bart Barnett, LB; John Davis, OT; Terry Elliott, S; Mike Holt, CB; Ron Kalyan, WR; Matt Less, TE; Brad McCormick, OG; Bob Paschall, DL; Matt Pollard, K; Ed Takvor, OG; Paul Tomasi, DT.

Starters returning: Offense (6): J.R. Clearfield, TB, 5-10/190, Jr.; Quinn Cochran, T, 6-3/270, Sr.; Gary Comstock, WR, 6-1/170, Sr.; Will Jackson, C, 6-1/225, Jr.; Jim Kauderer, FB, 5-9/205, Sr.; Bruce Mayhew, QB, 6-1/180, Sr. **Defense (7):**

John DeRose, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; John DeSimone, S, 5-10/200, Sr.; Chuck Dimitroff, CB, 5-8/165, Jr.; Bob Kent, T, 6-0/230, Jr.; Javier Loya, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Tony Pollicastro, DB, 5-11/190, Jr.; Galen Snyder, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.

Other key players: Greg Abbruzzese, TB, Jr.; John Calcagno, OT, Soph.; John Cerza, DT, Soph.; Jason Doolittle, QB, Soph.; Mike Hull, DT, Jr.; Solomon Johnson, TB/WR, Jr.; Scott Spivey, WR, Soph.; Desmon Werthman, LB, Soph.

Schedule: Harvard, Sept. 15; at Bucknell, Sept. 22; at Lehigh, Sept. 29; Lafayette, Oct. 6; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 13; at Yale, Oct. 20; Princeton, Oct. 27; at Dartmouth, Nov. 3; Cornell, Nov. 10; Brown, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Lions.

Site: New York.

The current group of seniors roared in 1987, producing a 6-0 freshman season. They've played in three winning games since then.

"We're in football games," said Coach Ray Tellier, who bowed last season with a 1-9 record. "We've got to take that next step and win some of those games."

The 1989 Lions had one of the poorest rushing attacks in the country, averaging just 60.6 yards per game, but running backs Solomon Johnson and Greg Abbruzzese missed all but one quarter due to injuries.

In 1990, both are back, although Johnson takes his speed to wide receiver. Abbruzzese rejoins quarterback Bruce Mayhew and fullback Jim Kauderer, the team's leading ground gainers in 1989, in the backfield.

With a healthy backfield, what Columbia really needs are a few good men on the line. Joe Calcagno could step right in from the freshman team.

Defensively, senior linebacker Galen Snyder stands out. Admittedly, Tellier said, the Class of '91 "feels better about itself" than past senior classes. "But that and 50 cents will get you a cup of coffee."

It will not buy you a winning season. ■



Nose guard Pete Chapman leads a stingy Dartmouth defense.

Helgeson's success at Boise State begins at end

By JEFF WELSCH
Idaho Statesman

Eight months before he earned All-America mention, Erik Helgeson was just another face in the crowd on the practice field at Boise State.

It was the spring of 1988. Helgeson, a walk-on two years earlier, stood on the sidelines with helmet in hand, satisfied that he'd outplayed at least two of the three defensive ends who were now butting heads on the funky blue artificial turf at Bronco Stadium.

The coaches' depth charts indicated otherwise. Helgeson, a sophomore, was listed as the No. 2 right end behind Lawrence Hines, opposite two redshirt freshmen at left end.

"It was like they were trying to get me to quit or something," Helgeson remembered. He nearly did but remained quiet, intent on letting his playing do the talking.

"Erik was just another player out there trying to earn a position and trying to make a contribution," Boise State Coach Skip Hall recalled. "He was a hard-working player who didn't have a lot of size or speed."

From the ashes of those first two weeks of spring practice emerged one of the most agile defensive linemen in Division I-AA and the Big Sky Conference's most tenacious pass rusher.

Helgeson would win the starting job by the end of fall camp, opening eyes with his acceleration through the line (his time in the 40 dipped to 4.6 seconds from 4.9) and added strength. As a 6-foot-2, 216-pound defensive end, he led Boise State that season with 19½ sacks and received first-team All-America mention. Opponents double-teamed him most of last year, but Helgeson still managed a team-high 17½ sacks.

"As far as just putting pure heat on you, he's the best in the league," Idaho Coach John L. Smith said. "Maybe he's not as big as you like but, darn, does he play with a great attitude. He doesn't say anything, he just keeps his mouth shut and plays ball."

Helgeson enters his senior season as a leading candidate for the Division I-AA Defensive Player of the Year award on a team that has Big Sky and national title aspirations. He has caught the eye of pro scouts, who expect him to be no worse than a sixth-round pick as an outside linebacker in the National Football League draft.

"I really like the kid," said Dave-Te' Thomas, publisher of the "Poor Man's Guide to the NFL Draft." "He's an outstanding pass rusher, and he's one of the hardest hitters pound for pound. He's extremely aggressive, always around the ball and shoots gaps with great acceleration. I think he's one of the most underrated kids out there."

Sometimes even Helgeson can't believe that's really him on game films, spinning around baffled offensive tackles and dumping helpless quarterbacks.



Boise State's Erik Helgeson is one of the most agile defensive linemen in Division I-AA and the Big Sky's most tenacious pass rusher.

"It's like I sold my soul to the devil," Helgeson joked, "because never in my wildest dreams did I imagine anything like this happening to me."

Helgeson saw the odds start to turn against him when he pulled both hamstring muscles as a senior at Boise's Bishop Kelly High School. A year earlier, he had received a number of letters from major colleges after overpowering opponents as a linebacker and fullback, but interest dried up when they saw Helgeson on film.

"I looked a lot slower on film," he said. "They found out about me my junior year (by) word of mouth, but then in my senior year I looked slow on film."

Consequently, the letter writers never followed up with scholarship offers. Even the Big Sky ignored him, save for Boise State, where coach Lyle Setencich encouraged him to walk on. Helgeson considered attending an NAIA school in Oregon, but his high school coach, Wil Overgaard, insisted he had the talent to play in Division I-A or I-AA.

"I wanted to believe it," Helgeson said, "but I wasn't getting the calls."

Helgeson walked on at Boise State when Setencich assured him he'd get a scholarship after his first year. After Helgeson sat out the 1986 season as a redshirt, however, Setencich was replaced by

Hall, who eliminated the outside linebacker position and any promises of a scholarship. Helgeson was moved to defensive end.

"I was like, 'Yeah, right. D-line,'" recalled Helgeson, who had slimmed down to 216 pounds from 228 to be more mobile at linebacker.

Helgeson played sparingly in 1987, mostly on special teams and in short-yardage situations behind consensus All-America Pete Kwiatkowski. When spring camp arrived, he decided it was make-or-break at Boise State.

"I said, 'Well, this is it. If I don't get a full ride or contend for a starting position, then I'm going to be out of here. I'm not going to spend the rest of my life as a backup player.'"

His suitcase was half-packed during those frustrating first two weeks of practice. But the coaches couldn't ignore his aggressiveness or determination for long. "He plays with a big heart," Hall said.

By the end of camp, Helgeson had earned a partial scholarship. By the end of fall practice, he was No. 1 at right end with Hines on the left side. At the close of the season, Helgeson merited a full scholarship, all-league honors and All-America mention.

"Never," he said in wonderment, "did I envision anything like this." ■

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. MONTANA

The Grizzlies, who made the Final Four of the 1989 I-AA playoffs, hope to take it a step further.

2. BOISE STATE

Coach Skip Hall has a favorable schedule and 20 starters back from an underachieving 6-5 team.

3. NEVADA

Defensive improvement is the key to success for a team loaded with experienced players.

4. IDAHO

The league's best program lost too much talent to win a fourth straight Big Sky title.

5. EASTERN WASHINGTON

This program is on the upswing. Contending status will come with a better defense and depth.

6. MONTANA STATE

The lack of a passing game and skill-position talent will keep the Bobcats in the lower half.

7. IDAHO STATE

From 0-11 in '88 to 3-7 last fall, Garth Hall's Bengals are headed in the right direction.

8. WEBER STATE

The Wildcats will light up the scoreboard. But so will their opponents.

9. NORTHERN ARIZONA

The Lumberjacks' future is bright with new Coach Steve Axman. 1990 is a different story.

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-BIG SKY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR	KASEY DUNN	Idaho
WR	TREAMELLE TAYLOR	Nevada
TE	TREVOR SHAW	Weber State
T	TONY EDWARDS	Nevada
T	CHUCK YARBRO	Idaho
C	JAY FERGUSON	Idaho State
G	CHRIS HOFF	Idaho
G	PEDER THORSTENSON	Eastern Washington
QB	GRADY BENNETT	Montana
RB	CHRIS THOMAS	Boise State
FB	RAY WHALEN	Nevada

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL	AARON HANSEN	Eastern Washington
DL	ERIK HELGESON	Boise State
DL	NEIL HULBERT	Nevada
DL	MIKE SANFRATELLO	Northern Arizona
LB	ROGER CECIL	Idaho
LB	ROB HATCH	Montana State
LB	KENNY KUEHL	Boise State
LB	SCOTT RUSSELL	Boise State
DB	MIKE BABBI	Weber State
DB	BERNARD ELLISON	Nevada
DB	CHARLIE OLIVER	Idaho
DB	KURT SCHULZ	Eastern Washington

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK	KEVIN MCKELVIE	Nevada
P	BRENT CHUHANIUK	Weber State

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Grady Bennett
Montana QB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Erik Helgeson
Boise State DE

BIG SKY TEAM CHARTS

BOISE STATE

Coach: Skip Hall (20-14, 3 years).

1989 record: 6-5. Big Sky: 5-3/T3rd.

Key players: Mike Black, K; Elijah George, CB; Erik Helgeson, DE; Bart Hull, RB; Rod Johnson, S; Kenny Kuehl, LB; Tim O'Connor, LB; Carl Ramos, G; Frank Robinson, CB; Scott Russell, LB; Larry Stayner, TE; Chris Thomas, RB; David Tingstad, FB; Winky White, WR.

Schedule: Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 1; Weber State, Sept. 8; at Eastern Washington, Sept. 15; Boston University, Sept. 22; at Long Beach State, Sept. 29; Montana, Oct. 6; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 13; at Idaho State, Oct. 27; at Montana State, Nov. 3; Nevada, Nov. 10; Idaho, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Broncos.

Site: Boise, Idaho.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Coach: Dick Zornes (65-47-2, 11 years).

1989 record: 4-6. Big Sky: 4-4/5th.

Key players: Jason Cromer, K; Brennan Earhart, OT; Aaron Hansen, DE; Tony Lenseigne, TE; Tom Owens, WR; Robert Puller, S; Kevin Sargent, OT; Greg Saunders, FB; Kurt Schulz, CB; Mark Tennessen, QB; Peter Thorstensen, G; Tim Trout, C; Trevor Westlund, LB.

Schedule: Lenoir-Rhyne, Sept. 8; Boise State, Sept. 15; at Northern Arizona, Sept. 22; at Montana, Sept. 29; Weber State, Oct. 6; at Nevada, Oct. 13; Idaho, Oct. 20; at Portland State, Oct. 27; at Idaho State, Nov. 3; Montana State, Nov. 10; at Houston, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Eagles.

Site: Cheney, Wash.

IDAHO

Coach: John L. Smith (9-3, 1 year).

1989 record: 9-3 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 8-0/1st.

Key players: Joe Carrasco, P; Roger Cecil, LB; Kasey Dunn, WR; Terry Green, CB; Chris Hoff, OL; Jimmy Jacobs, LB; Jeff Jordan, DB; Kris McCall, S; Charlie Oliver, CB; Devon Pearce, RB; John Rust, LB; Chuck Yarbro, OL.

Schedule: Montana State, Sept. 1; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 8; at Oregon, Sept. 15; Weber State, Sept. 22; at Nevada, Sept. 29; Cal State Chico, Oct. 6; Idaho State, Oct. 13; at Eastern Washington, Oct. 20; Northern Arizona, Nov. 3; at Montana, Nov. 10; at Boise State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Vandals.

Site: Moscow, Idaho.

IDAHO STATE

Coach: Garth Hall (3-18, 2 years).

1989 record: 3-7. Big Sky: 2-6/T6th.

Key players: Mark Campbell, LB; Joe Cunningham, DE; Caylor Dalley, S; Aaron Eleazer, CB; Joe Funk, WR; Bruce Givens, DE; Sylvester Jones, WR; Mahe Liavaa, LB; Reed Payne, OT; Chris Schrade, WR; Troy Shippen, S; Seth Tennis, OT; Jason Whitmer, QB.

Schedule: Southern Utah State, Sept. 8; at Weber State, Sept. 15; Northern Iowa, Sept. 22; at Northern Arizona, Sept. 29; Nevada, Oct. 6; at Idaho, Oct. 13; at Montana State, Oct. 20; Boise State, Oct. 27; Eastern Washington, Nov. 3; Mesa State, Nov. 10; Montana, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bengals.

Site: Pocatello, Idaho.

MONTANA

Coach: Don Read (31-16, 4 years; 100-108-1, 20 years).

1989 record: 11-3 (including 2-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 7-1/2nd.

Key players: Grady Bennett, QB; Matt Clark, WR; Steve Collins, LB; Rick Erps, G; Chad Germer, C; Joe Kalafat, S.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Chris Thomas, Boise State, 81.4 yds.pg (208 att., 895 yds., 10 TDs, 4.3 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Fred Gatlin, Nevada, 137.2 rating pts. (308 att., 172 comp., 19 TDs, 2,522 yds.).

Total offense: Grady Bennett, Montana, 298.3 yds.pg (190 yds. rushing, 3,091 yds. passing, 3,281 total yds.).

Receiving: Kasey Dunn, Idaho, 6.6 rec.pg (73 rec., 1,101 yds., 10 TDs, 15.1 avg.).

Scoring: Thayne Doyle, Idaho, 6.7 pts.pg (0 TDs, 38 PATs, 12 FGs, 74 pts.); Jason Cromer, Eastern Wash-

ington, 6.7 pts.pg (0 TDs, 28 PATs, 13 FGs, 67 pts.).

Punting: Kevin Morris, CB; Kirk Murphy, DE; Wade Thoennes, DE; Mike Trevathan, WR; Bryan Tripp, LB.

Schedule: At Oregon State, Sept. 1; McNeese State, Sept. 22; Eastern Washington, Sept. 29; at Boise State, Oct. 6; at Weber State, Oct. 13; Northern Arizona, Oct. 20; Montana State, Oct. 27; at Nevada, Nov. 3; Idaho, Nov. 10; at Idaho State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Grizzlies.

Site: Missoula, Mont.

MONTANA STATE

Coach: Earle Solomonson (9-24, 3 years; 33-26-1 overall, 5 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Big Sky: 2-6/T6th.

Key players: Travis Annette, G; Richard Brady, S; Todd Graves, LB; Jason Hakert, DE; Rob Hatch, LB; Steve Lebsack, S; Steve Perkins, CB; Jon Skelton, LB; Rob Stoltz, FL; Rob Tesch, SE; John Tetrault, QB; Corey Widmer, DT; Bob Wilkinson, FB.

Schedule: At Idaho, Sept. 1; at Colorado State, Sept. 8; Western Illinois, Sept. 15; Nevada, Sept. 22; at Weber State, Sept. 29; Northern Arizona, Oct. 6; Idaho State, Oct. 20; at Montana, Oct. 27; Boise State, Nov. 3; at Eastern Washington, Nov. 10; at Tulsa, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bobcats.

Site: Bozeman, Mont.

NEVADA

Coach: Chris Ault (113-50-1, 14 years).

1989 record: 7-4. Big Sky: 5-3/T3rd.

Key players: Matt Claffton, LB; Tony Edwards, OT; Bernard Ellison, CB; Jason Frierson, RB; Fred Gatlin, QB; Neil Hulbert, DE; Kevin McKelvie, K; Mike Micone, C; Dio Shipp, DT; Treamelle Taylor, WR; Ray Whalen, FB.

Schedule: Northern Arizona, Sept. 8; Cal State Sacramento, Sept. 15; at Montana State, Sept. 22; Idaho, Sept. 29; at Idaho State, Oct. 6; Eastern Washington, Oct. 13; at Nevada-Las Vegas, Oct. 20; at Weber State, Oct. 27; Montana, Nov. 3; at Boise State, Nov. 10; Western Illinois, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Wolf Pack.

Site: Reno, Nev.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Coach: Steve Axman (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 3-8. Big Sky: 2-6/T6th.

Key players: Dwan Brandon, DB; Tony Conrad, OL; Will Glover, DB; Julian Howard, WR; Darrin Jackson, DB; Trent Kartchner, OL; Charles McKinzie, RB; Salvador Nava, DB; Gerald Robinson, RB; Sean Roundtree, DB; Mike Sanfratello, DL; Tucker Smith, TE.

Schedule: Cal State Northridge, Sept. 1; at Nevada, Sept. 8; Eastern Washington, Sept. 22; Idaho State, Sept. 29; at Montana State, Oct. 6; Boise State, Oct. 13; at Montana, Oct. 20; Nicholls State, Oct. 27; at Idaho, Nov. 3; Weber State, Nov. 10; at Northern Iowa, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Lumberjacks.

Site: Flagstaff, Ariz.

WEBER STATE

Coach: Dave Arslanian (3-8, 1 year).

1989 record: 3-8. Big Sky: 1-7/8th.

Key players: Brent Chuhaniuk, P/K; Bruce Covernton, OT; George Jackson, RB; Maurice Jackson, S; Jody Marshall, CB; Jamie Martin, QB; Melvin Maxwell, WR; Dave Palaniuk, DT; Austin Peters, CB; Darion Scott, S; Trevor Shaw, TE; Rob Trebilcock, WR.

Schedule: At Southern Utah State, Sept. 1; at Boise State, Sept. 8; Idaho State, Sept. 15; at Idaho, Sept. 22; Montana State, Sept. 29; at Eastern Washington, Oct. 6; Montana, Oct. 13; at Wyoming, Oct. 20; Nevada, Oct. 27; at Northern Arizona, Nov. 10; at McNeese State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Ogden, Utah.

Bear quarterback's best option: guiding others

By DAN O'NEILL
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The Florida weather was exquisite, as usual, as spring-training spectators squinted to get a peek at their favorite big-league baseball players.

For one onlooker, the quest to pick out a particular player went beyond an interest in athletic skills. It centered around the emotional ties of growing up.

The memories-rich fan on hand for the Phillies-Cardinals exhibition game last spring was DeAndre Smith, the standout option quarterback for Southwest Missouri State.

Smith, visiting Clearwater on spring break, shaded his eyes from the bright afternoon sun and kept a sharp lookout for Cardinals outfield prospect Bernard Gilkey.

"I haven't seen him for about a year and a half," Smith said. "He's one of the guys I looked up to. He's one of the guys who helped motivate me."

Unfortunately, St. Louis already had reassigned Gilkey to its Class AAA Louisville farm team. Smith never hooked up with his boyhood buddy.

No matter. Smith was able to find Gilkey and other such neighborhood youngsters when he really needed them—as he was growing up in University City, Mo., and looking for role models.

"My dad had a heart attack and died when I was 7," said Smith, a senior at Southwest Missouri. "My mother raised three children by herself and she gave me the chance to do something. I owe everything to her."

"But as far as athletics, I never really had that situation where I had a dad there supporting me or showing me the way."

"... But I got a lot of my driving force from some of the older kids in the neighborhood (such as Gilkey, two years older than Smith). They kind of filled that role for me."

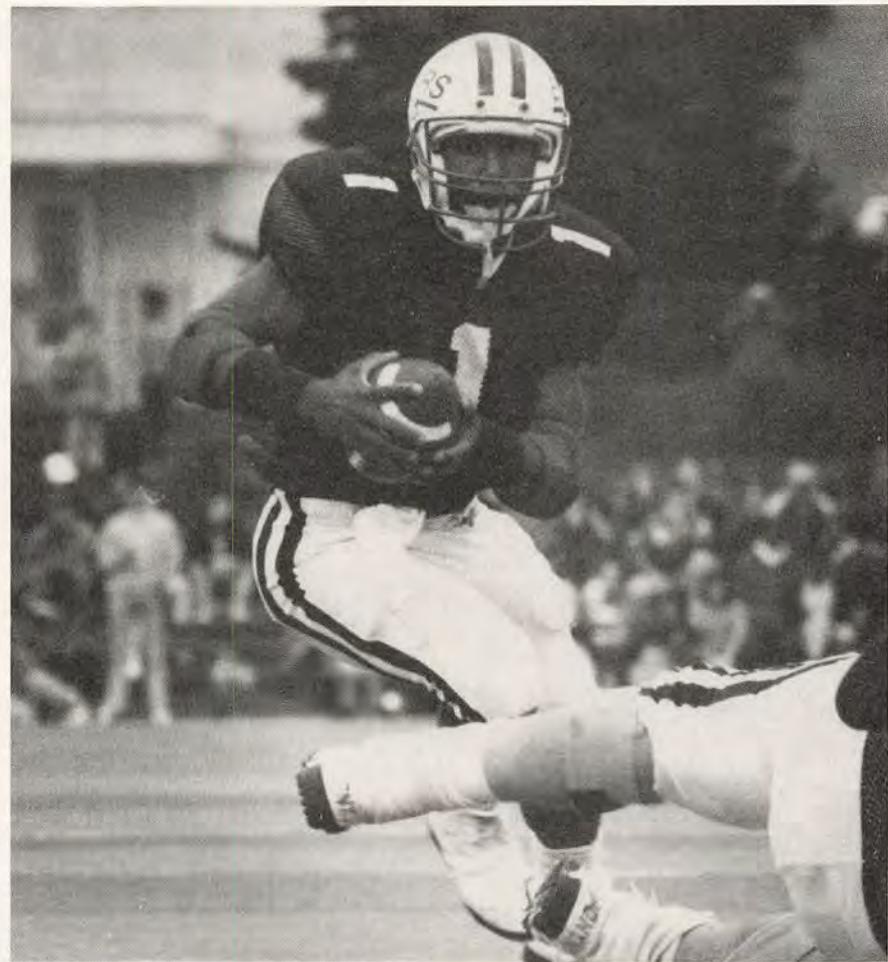
Smith's learning laboratory wasn't the football field, where he has matured into a spectacular option quarterback, or the baseball diamond, Gilkey's specialty.

"The thing to do in my neighborhood was play basketball," Smith said. "A lot of times it was a situation where there was an older guy playing who you really looked up to. You wanted to be just like him, or you were trying to beat him."

"I love basketball. I would have gone into that if I could have."

On his way to topping out at 5-foot-8 and 180 pounds, Smith lacked the size that opens basketball recruiting eyes. But observers can see a basketball touch in the way he handles Southwest Missouri's wishbone offense. Like a savvy point guard, Smith drives to the line of scrimmage, draws up the defense and then dishes off.

"He has a great feel for handling the ball," Bears Coach Jesse Branch said. "He has great quickness and he's always a breakaway threat."



Southwest Missouri State's elusive DeAndre Smith has matured into a spectacular option quarterback.

Smith guided Southwest Missouri to its first NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth last year, sparking the Bears to a 5-1 Gateway Conference record and a 9-2 regular-season mark overall. He ran for 841 yards and 12 touchdowns, completed 59 percent of his passes for 1,226 yards and became the first player in school history to attain 2,000 yards in total offense in one season.

Occasionally, even Smith is at a loss to explain his sleight-of-hand.

"I try to work as hard as I can on my technique and do what the coach says," he said. "But sometimes you get out there and you just can't explain what you did or why you did it. You just kind of react...."

Smith was at his elusive best in Southwest Missouri's first-round I-AA playoff victory over Maine. He netted 65 yards and three touchdowns in 10 carries and completed all seven of his passes for 103 yards. However, in the third quarter, he tore cartilage in his right knee and was sidelined.

The Bears held on for a 38-35 victory but soon learned that Smith needed surgery. He surely would miss the balance of Southwest Missouri's postseason play.

Or would he?

Just six days after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery, Smith pronounced

himself ready to go against Stephen F. Austin State in the I-AA quarterfinals.

"It just shows you what kind of kid he is," Branch said. "I'm surprised anyone could come back and play in that short of time, but I'm not surprised he was the one to do it."

Unfortunately, Smith's mobility was severely restricted and he managed only 15 yards rushing against Stephen F. Austin. He did throw for 292 yards and a touchdown, but the Bears lost, 55-25.

"Making it to the playoffs was a big thing," Smith said. "We got a taste of it. Now we want more."

And when his college days are over, Smith wants even more than that. He is majoring in communications and minoring in psychology. While he hopes for a career in television, community work is a high priority, too.

"I saw this TV program about helping the homeless and it really touched me," Smith said. "Right now, I'm working with a track program at a little school."

"I don't really know much about track. I just go out and try to show these kids the value of working hard."

DeAndre Smith once looked to older boys for guidance. Now, he's striving to set the example. ■

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

The Bears have holes to patch up front, but quarterback DeAndre Smith is a franchise player.

2. ILLINOIS STATE

The Redbirds have the best young talent in the conference, and it's maturing fast.

3. EASTERN ILLINOIS

There's an abundance of skill-position talent in need of consistent linemen.

4. NORTHERN IOWA

The league's toughest home team won't be able to overcome a lack of depth and speed.

5. INDIANA STATE

If a competent quarterback emerges, the Sycamores could be the Gateway's sleeper.

6. WESTERN ILLINOIS

There are many holes to fill, none bigger than that left by the team's coach, the late Bruce Craddock.

7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Bob Smith rates among Division I-AA's finest coaches, but his overall talent base doesn't.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-GATEWAY TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR JASON COOK, Eastern Illinois
WR JOHNNY ROOTS, Southern Illinois
TE TIM MOORE, Eastern Illinois
T MARK KROPEK, Illinois State
T TOM ROTH, Southern Illinois
C MATT BOARDMAN, Indiana State
G JOHN BINKOWSKI, Western Illinois
G CHRIS REED, Southwest Missouri State
QB DeANDRE SMITH, Southwest Missouri State
RB MIKE COX, Western Illinois
RB VIC NORTHERN, Illinois State

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL MICHAEL FOX, Southwest Missouri State
DL MARTIN HOCHERTZ, Southern Illinois
DL JAMES JONES, Northern Iowa
DL BILL WALTER, Southwest Missouri State
LB MATT BRINKMAN, Northern Iowa
LB WILBERT BROWN, Illinois State
LB KEVIN KILGALLON, Southern Illinois
LB BRYAN McGROENE, Indiana State
DB WILLIE BEAMON, Northern Iowa
DB TIM LANCE, Eastern Illinois
DB TROY MICKENS, Indiana State
DB MARCUS SHIPP, Southwest Missouri State

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK BRIAN MITCHELL, Northern Iowa
P ROB HUFFY, Indiana State

OFFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

DeAndre Smith
SW Missouri State QB

DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Bill Walter
SW Missouri State DL

GATEWAY COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC TEAM CHARTS

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Spoo (19-14, 3 years).

1989 record: 9-4 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs).
Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.

Key players: Jason Cook, WR; Juan Cox, DB; Brad Fichtel, G; Rod Heard, DB; Jamie Jones, TB; Tim Lance, DB; Kent McIntyre, DT; Tim Moore, TE; John Noll, LB; Jeff Oetting, DE; Dan Purcell, OT; Joe Remke, DT; Mike Rummell, WR; John Sengstock, FB; Dimitri Stewart, LB.

Schedule: At Northern Illinois, Sept. 1; at Northwestern Louisiana, Sept. 8; McNeese State, Sept. 15; at Murray State, Sept. 22; at Illinois State, Sept. 29; at Western Illinois, Oct. 6; Indiana State, Oct. 13; Southern Illinois, Oct. 20; Northern Iowa, Oct. 27; Western Kentucky, Nov. 3; at Southwest Missouri State, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Panthers.

Site: Charleston, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE

Coach: Jim Heacock (6-16, 2 years).

1989 record: 5-6. **Gateway:** 4-2/T2nd.

Key players: Wilbert Brown, LB; Brian Chaney, QB; Toby Davis, RB; Larry Dickinson, DB; Bryan Goode, DB; Mark Horton, G; Tony Jones, DL (switched from LB); Mark Kropke, OT; Clarence Miller, WR; Vic Northern, RB; Phil Shields, RB; Hester Williams, DL; Adrian Wilson, QB; Antoine Worthman, DB.

Schedule: At Akron, Sept. 1; Ball State, Sept. 8; at Western Kentucky, Sept. 15; Missouri-Rolla, Sept. 22; Eastern Illinois, Sept. 29; at Northern Iowa, Oct. 6; Southern Illinois, Oct. 13; Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 20; Austin Peay State, Oct. 27; at Indiana State, Nov. 3; at Western Illinois, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Redbirds.

Site: Normal, Ill.

INDIANA STATE

Coach: Dennis Raetz (55-56-1, 10 years).

1989 record: 4-7. **Gateway:** 2-4/5th.

Key players: Matt Boardman, OL; Eric Christensen, LB; Rick Comer, OL; Donald Cox, DB; Doug Dutton, DL; Derrick Franklin, RB; Pete Georges, DL; Rob Huff, K/P; Bryan McGroene, LB (transfer/Illinois); Troy Mickens, DB; Jeff Propst, LB; Dan Quick, OL; John Story, WR; Charles Swann, WR; Marcus Wilson, DB; Shawn Young, RB.

Schedule: Central Missouri State, Sept. 1; at Southern Illinois, Sept. 8; Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 15; at Purdue, Sept. 22; at Western Illinois, Sept. 29; Murray State, Oct. 6; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 13; Northern Iowa, Oct. 20; at Ball State, Oct. 25; Illinois State, Nov. 3; at Western Kentucky, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Sycamores.

Site: Terre Haute, Ind.

NORTHERN IOWA

Coach: Terry Allen (8-3, 1 year).

1989 record: 8-3. **Gateway:** 4-2/T2nd.

Key players: Willie Beamon, CB; Matt Brinkman, LB; Seth Bonnette, OT; Pat Day, LB; Todd Eagen, DE; Rory Feddersen, SE; Mike Fontana, C; Steve Hougom, FB; James Jones, DT/LB; Chris Klieman, S; Brian Mitchell, K; Chris Nuss, TE; Duane Petersen, S; Tim Peterson, DE;

Greg Wallace, HB.

Schedule: Southern Illinois, Sept. 1; at Iowa State, Sept. 8; at Oklahoma State, Sept. 15; at Idaho State, Sept. 22; Illinois State, Oct. 6; Western Illinois, Oct. 13; at Indiana State, Oct. 20; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 27; Southwest Missouri State, Nov. 3; Clarion (Pa.), Nov. 10; Northern Arizona, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Panthers.

Site: Cedar Falls, Ia.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Smith (2-9, 1 year; 19-35-1 overall, 5 years).

1989 record: 2-9. **Gateway:** 1-5/T6th.

Key players: Scott Andrews, FB; Darrell Crews, LB; Mark Francis, C; Scott Gabbert, QB; Yogi Henderson, TE; Martin Hochertz, DT; Yonel Jourdain, RB; Kevin Kilgallon, LB; Jon Manley, LB; Johnny Roots, WR; Tom Roth, OT; Jim Rung, DE; Tim Wells, CB.

Schedule: At Northern Iowa, Sept. 1; Indiana State, Sept. 8; Murray State, Sept. 15; at Illinois, Sept. 22; Arkansas State, Sept. 29; at Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 6; at Illinois State, Oct. 13; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 20; at Central Florida, Oct. 27; Western Illinois, Nov. 3; at South Carolina, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Salukis.

Site: Carbondale, Ill.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Coach: Jesse Branch (23-21, 4 years).

1989 record: 10-3 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). **Gateway:** 5-1/1st.

Key players: Doug Adams, WR; Quintin Evans, DE; Michael Fox, DE; Keith Gatlin, LB; Robert Harbolt, S; Chris Kapilovic, OT; Ken Kelly, WR; Eric Jenkins, FB; Rodney McConico, HB; Chris Reed, G; Marcus Shipp, S; DeAndre Smith, QB; Tony Tabor, DT; Bill Walter, DE; John Wilcox, OT.

Schedule: At Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept. 1; at Tulsa, Sept. 8; at Indiana State, Sept. 15; Austin Peay State, Sept. 22; Washburn University, Sept. 29; Southern Illinois, Oct. 6; at Alcorn State, Oct. 13; at Illinois State, Oct. 20; Western Illinois, Oct. 27; at Northern Iowa, Nov. 3; Eastern Illinois, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Bears.

Site: Springfield, Mo.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Randy Ball (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 4-7. **Gateway:** 1-5/T6th.

Key players: Joe Allen, DB; John Binkowski, G; Bryan Cox, DB; Mike Cox, RB; John Dixon, DE; John Earle, OT; Dave Fierke, OT; Max Ford, DE; Trevor Grimshaw, CB; Kelvin Malone, S; Brian Rebac, OT; Derek Swanson, RB; Thad Trump, LB; Bret Velde, SE; Brad Wagner, C.

Schedule: Arkansas-Monticello, Sept. 1; at Kansas State, Sept. 8; at Montana State, Sept. 15; Indiana State, Sept. 29; Eastern Illinois, Oct. 6; at Northern Iowa, Oct. 13; Portland State, Oct. 20; at Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 27; at Southern Illinois, Nov. 3; Illinois State, Nov. 10; at Nevada, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Leathernecks.

Site: Macomb, Ill.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Jamie Jones, Eastern Illinois, 80.6 yds/pg (237 att., 887 yds., 5 TDs, 3.7 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Brian Chaney, Illinois State, 84.4 rating pts. (211 att., 94 comp., 1,019 yds., 5 TDs).

Total offense: DeAndre Smith, Southwest Missouri State, 187.9 yds/pg (841 yds. rushing, 1,226 yds. passing, 2,067 total yds.).

Receiving: Tim Moore, Eastern Illinois, 3.5 rec/pg (35 rec., 302 yds., 2 TDs, 8.6 avg.).

Scoring: DeAndre Smith, Southwest Missouri State, 6.5 pts/pg (12 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 72 pts.); Brian Mitchell, Northern Iowa, 6.6 pts/pg (0 TDs, 30 PATs, 14 FGs, 72

pts.).

Punting: David Peters, Southern Illinois, 39.5 avg. (62 punts, 2,448 yds.).

Punt returns: Larry Dickinson, Illinois State, 9.1 avg. (30 att., 273 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Phil Shields, Illinois State, 24.3 avg. (29 att., 706 yds., 2 TDs).

Field goals: Brian Mitchell, Northern Iowa, 1.27 FG/pg (14/19 FGs, 73.7%).

Interceptions: Chris Klieman, Northern Iowa, .55 int/pg (6 int., 98 yds., 1 TD); Tim Lance, Eastern Illinois, .55 int.pg (6 int., 68 yds., 0 TDs).

Rattler foes must stop an improved Amir Rasul

By DAVID LEE SIMMONS
Tallahassee Democrat

It's one thing when a league's top offensive player is coming back for another season. It's yet another when he apparently was just warming up.

Such appears to be the case in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, where the 1989 Offensive Player of the Year, running back Amir Rasul of Florida A&M, might be even better this fall.

Better than the guy who finished the '89 campaign with four straight 100-yard rushing games. Better than the guy who led the conference in rushing (938 yards) and scoring (66 points). Better than the guy who led the Rattlers in receiving (29 catches for 228 yards). Better than the guy who ranked 19th in NCAA Division I-AA rushing, 27th in scoring and 36th in all-purpose yards (1,166).

How does Rasul top a year like that? Well, when you're a relative neophyte at a position, improvement is always possible. And Rasul is coming off a junior season that marked his collegiate debut as a starting running back.

"I think," Rattlers Coach Ken Riley said, "that he's only now learning how to play the position."

Witness Florida A&M's last spring practice, in which Rasul went up against, and often shamed, Division I-AA's 11th-ranked defense with slicing moves and deft receptions. It was such a man-against-boys scenario that Riley let Rasul play in only two series in the annual Orange and Green game that concludes spring drills.

And he still isn't satisfied with any aspect of his game. "There's always room for improvement," Rasul said with his trademark soft intensity. "Be it running, catching, or blocking—it's the total aspect."

Rasul, who was raised as a Muslim, has been taught from day one to be as complete a person as he can be, never settling for second best. That was why, when other kids were getting G.I. Joe action figures for their birthdays, Amir was getting bridge and airport kits to build.

"They were geared toward helping people," said his mother, Ameenah Rasul. "We (Amir's parents, who later were divorced) wanted to teach him that he should share with people, and to respect them."

His Muslim name means "teacher and leader," and Rasul has been living up to that name since he was appointed to a class leadership position (lieutenant) as a 5-year-old at the private Muslim school he attended in Miami. In 1980 he and his mother moved to Tallahassee, Fla., where Amir was faced with various temptations in the housing projects where they lived. He insists, however, that he is not the stereotypical ghetto-kid-made-good.

"I had to overcome obstacles, but so do a lot of other kids," Rasul said. "Compared to some of the other neighborhoods, it wasn't that bad. There were drugs and



Despite being a relative neophyte at his position, Florida A&M running back Amir Rasul was voted the MEAC's 1989 Offensive Player of the Year.

crime there, but there's drugs and crime all over Tallahassee."

Rasul's mother was a strong influence in his life, and her firm guidance helped him walk the straight and narrow. She also instilled in him the sense of sharing that still is evident today. What usually sounds like token morsels of credit given to teammates sounds sincere when Rasul speaks. When he thanks his blockers, he means it.

"I have to," he said. "That's the way I was taught. It starts with the fullback, moves to the offensive line and continues with the rest of the offense. Everything I do is because of them. They create everything you see."

Rasul said he didn't play football in Miami because he was less than thrilled with the contact and the way one football coach treated players he knew. "I didn't like the idea of being slapped upside the head," he said.

But in Tallahassee, he discovered junior league football and coaches who treated him fairly. The next logical step was Florida A&M University High School, where he gained recognition as a cornerback and running back.

By the time Riley and the Rattlers

came calling, Rasul's coach was pushing him as a cornerback. Rasul had only one year's starting experience at running back, so Riley thought it made sense. But a glut of cornerbacks in Rasul's freshman year, when he was used primarily as a punt returner, made Riley rethink the decision. Plus, there was just something about Rasul as a running back that intrigued Riley.

"You could tell he had the ability," Riley said. "He was just raw. He had a bad tendency to overrun his blocks."

Said Rasul: "I wanted to get to daylight so quick, I wouldn't wait for them to create the daylight."

As a sophomore, Rasul rushed for only 120 yards on 32 carries and caught 10 passes for 108 yards. He then got off to a slow start last season, rushing for just 164 yards in the Rattlers' first four games, but his performance the rest of the way established him as the league's top running back.

His first big day was a 138-yard effort in game five against North Carolina A&T. Two weeks later he exploded against South Carolina State for 195 yards, which stands as his career high. He never fell below 100 yards again.

Unless you count the Howard game, which Rasul missed. Florida A&M had just won back-to-back games for the first time all season, and the Rattlers were hoping to beat the Bison as well as Bethune-Cookman in their season finale to finish second in the conference and salvage a disappointing year. But Rasul had severely sprained an ankle the week before and couldn't play. The Rattlers lost, 19-14.

"We were feeling so good going into that game," Rasul said. "I (had) felt like I could really do something for the team."

The Rattlers had a week off before the Bethune-Cookman game, giving Rasul's ankle time to heal. He rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown and caught three passes for 23 yards and another touchdown as Florida A&M crushed the Wildcats, 30-7. That left the Rattlers at 6-5, and wanting more.

Now Rasul, like the team, wants to keep building. He has personal incentive in that missing the Howard game kept him from becoming Florida A&M's first 1,000-yard rusher since 1984. But his primary goal is to help the team win. "We want to win," he said flatly. "That's our attitude: at all costs."

Rasul, of course, was not one to rest on his laurels after his strong junior year. He worked hard in the off-season, improving his bench press to 410 pounds—not bad for a 6-foot, 180-pounder. He can use the extra strength to pound defenders when he isn't zipping around them with his 4.4-second speed in the 40-yard dash.

"I'm not saying he's Walter Payton, but he has Walter Payton's work habits," said Riley, a 15-year cornerback with the Cincinnati Bengals. "When you tackle him, he doesn't stay on the ground. He bounces right back." ■

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. DELAWARE STATE

The Hornets should repeat, although the top four teams aren't that far apart.

2. FLORIDA A&M

The Rattlers are a balanced squad, but inconsistency may squelch their championship hopes.

3. HOWARD

Coach Steve Wilson has the league's best coaching staff and a solid defense.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Willie Jeffries' team isn't likely to post another losing record. The Bulldogs are experienced.

5. NORTH CAROLINA A&T

The Aggies have a few big-play men with a weak supporting cast and little depth.

6. MORGAN STATE

With talented leaders on both sides of the ball, the Bears could surprise some teams.

7. BETHUNE-COOKMAN

The Wildcats suffered severe personnel losses and face a season destined for the cellar.

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-MEAC TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR	HARRY BROWN	Florida A&M
WR	GLENNY MOORE	Morgan State
TE	DAVID JONES	Delaware State
T	TERRY BEAUFORD	Florida A&M
T	NIGEL GREENE	Howard
C	RICHARD ROUNTREE	South Carolina State
G	ROBERT DENDY	South Carolina State
G	ROBERT FROST	Florida A&M
QB	CONNELL MAYNOR	North Carolina A&T
RB	AMIR RASUL	Florida A&M
FB	MIKE MURRAY	Delaware State

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL	IRVIN CLARK	Florida A&M
DL	JAMES DOZIER	Morgan State
DL	MALCOLM SHOWELL	Delaware State
DL	KNOX THOMPSON	North Carolina A&T
LB	CHRIS BLUE	Florida A&M
LB	REGGIE KENNEDY	South Carolina State
LB	KEN NEWSOME	Howard
LB	CRAIG PARSLEY	Delaware State
DB	RICKY HILL	South Carolina State
DB	ROBERT JOHNSON	Morgan State
DB	CEDRIC MCKINNON	Bethune-Cookman
DB	WILLIAM WEAVER	South Carolina State

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK	JAMES VERTUNO	Florida A&M
P	CEDRIC RAWLS	Howard

OFFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Amir Rasul
Florida A&M RB

DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Cedric McKinnon
Bethune-Cookman DB

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC TEAM CHARTS

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

Coach: Larry Little (34-37-1, 7 years).

1989 record: 5-5. MEAC: 3-3/T3rd.

Key players: Eddie Banks, FB; Edwin Clapp, TE; Curtis Davis, DL; J.D. Hall, QB; Donnie Hogan, HB; Nathaniel Hudson, DB; Duan Jones, DL; Greg Lawrence, LB; Edmund Lewis, OG; Cedric McKinnon, LB; Steve Oliver, C; Jeff Parker, WR; Walter Simmons, DL; Tim Thompson, LB; Evan Toney, DB.

Schedule: Savannah State (at Jacksonville, Fla.), Sept. 1; at Morgan State, Sept. 8; Central Florida, Sept. 15; Delaware State (at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), Sept. 29; at Howard, Oct. 6; at South Carolina State, Oct. 13; Albany State, Oct. 20; at North Carolina A&T, Oct. 27; Elizabeth City State, Nov. 3; at Morris Brown, Nov. 10; Florida A&M (at Tampa), Nov. 24.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.

DELAWARE STATE

Coach: Bill Collick (36-17, 5 years).

1989 record: 7-4. MEAC: 5-1/1st.

Key players: Robert Bethea, RB; Paul Harris, DT; Ed James, LB; David Jones, TE; Rod Milstead, OT; Mike Murray, FB; Craig Parsley, LB; Jamal Pettiford, WR; James Redding, LB; Napoleon Robertson, LB; Malcolm Showell, DE; Matt Stehman, K; Alphonso Tyler, LB; Herbert White, RB; Curtis Williams, QB.

Schedule: At Jackson State, Sept. 1; Northeastern, Sept. 8; Towson State, Sept. 22; at Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 29; at Liberty, Oct. 6; Florida A&M, Oct. 13; at Morgan State, Oct. 20; South Carolina State, Oct. 27; North Carolina A&T, Nov. 3; at Howard, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Hornets.

Site: Dover, Del.

FLORIDA A&M

Coach: Ken Riley (24-18-2, 4 years).

1989 record: 6-5. MEAC: 3-3/T3rd.

Key players: Terry Beauford, OT; Chris Blue, LB; Harry Brown, WR; William Carroll, DB; Irvin Clark, NT; Tony Ezell, QB; Robert Frost, G; Craig Hall, P; Stacy Lemay, FB; James McDuffey, DE; J.C. Rainey, DB; Amir Rasul, RB; Maress Scott, DE; James Vertuno, K; Wally Williams, C.

Schedule: Tuskegee Institute, Sept. 1; at Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 15; Tennessee State (at Atlanta), Sept. 22; at Alabama State, Sept. 29; North Carolina A&T, Oct. 6; at Delaware State, Oct. 13; South Carolina State, Oct. 20; Morgan State (at Miami), Oct. 27; at Southern, Nov. 3; Howard, Nov. 10; Bethune-Cookman (at Tampa), Nov. 24.

Nickname: Rattlers.

Site: Tallahassee, Fla.

HOWARD

Coach: Steve Wilson (8-3, 1 year).

1989 record: 8-3. MEAC: 4-2/2nd.

Key players: James Carpenter, RB; Robert Carpenter, G; Donald Carr, QB; Mike Caswell, WR; Nigel Greene, OT; Ryan Heathcock, FB; Handy Miles, WR; Ransom Miller, DE; Gary Mossop, K; Ken Newsome, LB; Walter Price, CB; Paul Ramseur, C; Brian Talton, DE; Tim Watson, CB; Gary Willingham, DE.

HOWARD

Coach: Steve Wilson (8-3, 1 year).

1989 record: 8-3. MEAC: 4-2/2nd.

Key players: James Carpenter, RB; Robert Carpenter, G; Donald Carr, QB; Mike Caswell, WR; Nigel Greene, OT; Ryan Heathcock, FB; Handy Miles, WR; Ransom Miller, DE; Gary Mossop, K; Ken Newsome, LB; Walter Price, CB; Paul Ramseur, C; Brian Talton, DE; Tim Watson, CB; Gary Willingham, DE.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Amir Rasul, Florida A&M, 93.8 yds.pg (151 att., 938 yds., 8 TDs, 6.2 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Tony Ezell, Florida A&M, 119.8 rating pts. (179 att., 93 comp., 1,266 yds., 7 TDs).

Total offense: Tony Ezell, Florida A&M, 135 yds.pg (-51 yds. rushing, 1,266 yds. passing, 1,215 total yds.).

Receiving: Glenny Moore, Morgan State, 3.7 rec.pg (41 rec., 637 yds., 15.5 avg.).

Scoring: Amir Rasul, Florida A&M, 6.6 pts.pg (11 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 66 pts.).

Schedule: Southern (at Los Angeles), Sept. 2; Morris Brown, Sept. 8; at South Carolina State, Sept. 22; at Morehouse College, Sept. 29; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 6; at Virginia State, Oct. 13; North Carolina A&T, Oct. 20; at Towson State, Oct. 27; Morgan State, Nov. 3; at Florida A&M, Nov. 10; Delaware State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bison.

Site: Washington, D.C.

MORGAN STATE

Coach: Edmund Wyche (4-17-1, 2 years; 59-62-5 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 3-7-1. MEAC: 1-5/7th.

Key players: Walter Bland, WR; James Dozier, DE; Renard Flourney, TB; Robert Johnson, S; Willie Jones, NG; Gary Kennedy, DE; James Ledbetter, OT; Glenn Moore, WR; Sean Nelson, TB; Craig Still, G; Derrick Trotter, LB.

Schedule: At Central State (O.), Sept. 1; Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 8; Bowie State (Md.), Sept. 15; at North Carolina A&T, Sept. 22; at Morehead State, Sept. 29; at South Carolina State, Oct. 6; at Virginia Union, Oct. 13; Delaware State, Oct. 20; at Florida A&M, Oct. 27; at Howard, Nov. 3; at Cheney State, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Bears.

Site: Baltimore.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Coach: Bill Hayes (7-15, 2 years; 95-53-2 overall, 14 years).

1989 record: 5-6. MEAC: 2-4/6th.

Key players: Kevin Acker, HB; Tim Anderson, HB; Greg Brown, NG; Willie Cooke, LB; Victor Floyd, LB; Michael Gilchrist, NG; Layton Jackson, HB; Sherwood Jones, LB; Kevin Little, DE; Connell Maynor, QB; Larry Orie, WB; Craig Thompson, TE; Knox Thompson, DT; Reggie White, DT; James Witherspoon, DB.

Schedule: North Carolina Central (at Charlotte), Sept. 1; Winston-Salem State, Sept. 8; Western Carolina, Sept. 15; Morgan State, Sept. 22; at Norfolk State, Sept. 29; at Florida A&M, Oct. 6; at Howard, Oct. 20; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 27; at Delaware State, Nov. 3; at Liberty, Nov. 10; South Carolina State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Aggies.

Site: Greensboro, N.C.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Willie Jeffries (55-19-4, 7 years; 106-74-6 overall, 17 years).

1989 record: 5-6. MEAC: 3-3/T3rd.

Key players: John Brown, RB; Carl Davis, WR; Robert Dendy, OL; J.T. Gadson, LB; Anthony Garnett, DL; Ricky Hill, DB; Jamal Isom, DB; Carleton Jinks, DL; Reggie Kennedy, LB; Jeffrey Mack, WR; Antonio Mackey, RB; Kenny Pace, OL; Patrick Robinson, DB; Richard Roundtree, C; William Weaver, DB.

Schedule: At Furman, Sept. 1; Presbyterian (S.C.), Sept. 15; Howard, Sept. 22; Johnson C. Smith (N.C.), Sept. 29; Morgan State, Oct. 6; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 13; at Florida A&M, Oct. 20; at Delaware State, Oct. 27; at District of Columbia, Nov. 3; Grambling State, Nov. 10; at North Carolina A&T, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bulldogs.

Site: Orangeburg, S.C.

Anthony Coleman rises above personal tragedy

By MIKE ORGAN
The Tennessean

Even under the best of circumstances, Anthony Coleman was not expected to be a major award winner for Middle Tennessee State last season. The 6-foot-1, 220-pound linebacker was a returning starter and a solid player who figured to be a staple of the Blue Raider defense, but his selection as the Ohio Valley Conference's Defensive Player of the Year was totally unpredictable.

"It never even crossed my mind that I would have a chance to be the conference's Player of the Year," he said. "Even if things had gone well for me all through the season, I didn't expect that kind of honor."

Things did not go well for Coleman. And the circumstances surrounding his rise to stardom could not have been more tragic.

On October 7, about two hours after Middle Tennessee had lost a game at North Carolina State, Coleman's mother and sister were shot to death at the family's home in Pulaski, Tenn. A former boyfriend of Coleman's sister was charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

Coleman was not notified of the slayings until the next morning, when the Blue Raiders arrived back in Murfreesboro. He took the news hard. After returning to Pulaski, he spent the next few days trying to come to grips with the loss of his loved ones. There was a time amid the grieving and despair when he thought he'd never return to Murfreesboro. Football was the furthest thing from his mind.

"I got pretty far down, but I thank God I didn't fall too far," said Coleman, whose surviving family includes his father, two brothers and two sisters. "I went through a period of wanting to quit everything—school, football, whatever."

Coleman didn't quit. He missed one game, but eight days after the shootings he was back on campus, attending a team meeting. His older brother, Clifford, had convinced him that his mother and sister would have wanted him to go on with his life, and at that point his life meant going to school and playing football.

"I started to see things in a whole new light once I got over the initial hurt and pain," he said. "I realized that quitting football or school wouldn't have accomplished anything. I couldn't change anything that had happened."

"Then I came to the point where I was more thankful than ever before that I had football in my life to keep my mind off the situation. I feel sorry for people who have to go through things like this and don't have anything else in their lives. I started to work harder than ever before to become the best player I could be."

Coleman already was on his way to establishing himself as one of the league's top linebackers before the tragedy, but his first game back—a 46-7 rout of Austin Peay State in which he led the Blue



Linebacker Anthony Coleman's inspired play sparked Middle Tennessee State to the OVC championship last season.

Raiders with 13 tackles—demonstrated his newfound resolve to excel. It was Coleman's inspired play that sparked Middle Tennessee to four straight victories and the OVC championship. The Blue Raiders then defeated Appalachian State in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs before losing to eventual national champion Georgia Southern in the quarterfinals. Coleman, who played on an injured ankle most of the year, finished his junior campaign with a team-high 105 tackles (66 solo), three passes broken up and one caused fumble.

"To go through what Anthony has been through and still be named the best defensive player in our league is amazing," Blue Raiders Coach James (Boots) Donnelly said.

Coleman, who had ranked second on the team in tackles as a sophomore, did not display the greatest athletic ability in the league. But he was more effective than players with more strength and speed, primarily because of his intelligence and determination.

"I don't think my speed (4.8 seconds over 40 yards) or athletic ability really

stands out," he once said. "I think studying films and being familiar with what teams and what players are going to do is my strength."

As far as Coleman's teammates are concerned, his greatest strength had nothing to do with 40 times or bench presses. It was the inner strength that enabled him to cope with the murders of his mother and sister.

"I was Anthony's roommate when all of this happened," defensive guard Lem Collins said, "and I know that he had his private moments where he had to have time to himself and not be bothered by anyone. But I was downright shocked at how he responded when he was in front of the rest of the team. Anthony has always been looked to as a team leader because he's always wanted what is best for the team. And through it all he still wanted to be an example for the rest of us to follow if something like this ever happened in our lives."

"He never asked for any sympathy from anyone, I guess because it was in the middle of the season and he was afraid it would distract from the team goals. He continued to be a leader, and when he came back he played as well as he ever had. I am sure that every person on this team wondered to themselves how they would have responded in that same situation, and I know for myself, I would have wanted to have been able to handle it just like Anthony did."

The modest linebacker deflected the praise back to his teammates. "The guys on this football team picked me back up and helped me through it like I really can't explain," he said. "I honestly don't know where I'd be today if it weren't for these guys."

And for the inspiration he finds in various religious passages. "I've clipped a bunch of Bible verses and stuck them up in different places all over my room," he said. "The Lord has really helped me keep going."

Though nothing can compare to last year's tragedy, Coleman knows his senior season will bring its own challenges. For starters, the returning Defensive Player of the Year won't be a surprise this time around.

"All the other teams know about me now, and that makes it tough," Coleman said. "But I still want to have an even better senior year than my junior year. I have worked hard in the weight room and all during the off-season. I think about getting back on the field every day. I am more excited about playing this season than I can ever remember any season before...."

"I have a new outlook on life, and that has given me a new outlook toward the game of football. I realize now that no one is promised a tomorrow. I could be here today and gone tomorrow, so for that reason I am going to make the best of every game, every play and even every practice." ■

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. EASTERN KENTUCKY

This program rated with the best of the '80s. The '90s should bring more of the same.

2. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

The defending champion Blue Raiders are loaded with talent on both sides of the ball.

3. MURRAY STATE

The Racers have enough horses in the stable to be competitive. A quarterback must be found.

4. TENNESSEE STATE

A strong '89 finish inspires optimism, but a tough schedule and lack of depth can't be overlooked.

5. TENNESSEE TECH

Last season's collapse revealed the Golden Eagles' thin ranks. They don't look much deeper.

6. MOREHEAD STATE

Chris Swartz is a big-time quarterback in need of a decent supporting cast.

7. AUSTIN PEAY STATE

The arrival of Coach John Palermo will upgrade a program that has languished in mediocrity.

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-OVC TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR	KENNY DONALDSON	Middle Tennessee State
WR	ANTHONY OWEN	Tennessee State
TE	RICHARD DARDEN	Austin Peay State
T	AL JACEVICIUS	Eastern Kentucky
T	LARRY THARPE	Tennessee State
C	JIM VON HANDORF	Eastern Kentucky
G	KEITH ASKIN	Murray State
G	GERALD HALL	Tennessee State
QB	CHRIS SWARTZ	Morehead State
RB	MARKUS THOMAS	Eastern Kentucky
FB	TIM LESTER	Eastern Kentucky

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL	LEM COLLINS	Middle Tennessee State
DL	GREG POLLARD	Middle Tennessee State
DL	CHUCK PRICE	Tennessee State
DL	ERNEST THOMPSON	Eastern Kentucky
LB	DANNY AMATO	Murray State
LB	MIKE CALDWELL	Middle Tennessee State
LB	ANTHONY COLEMAN	Middle Tennessee State
LB	SIMON SHANKS	Tennessee State
DB	JASON JACKSON	Austin Peay State
DB	JIMMY McCAMEY	Middle Tennessee State
DB	FELIX PARHAM	Tennessee Tech
DB	MIKE TURNER	Morehead State

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK	CHUCK DANIEL	Middle Tennessee State
P	TRACY GRAHAM	Tennessee Tech

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Tim Lester
Eastern Kentucky FB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Anthony Coleman
Middle Tenn. State LB

OHIO VALLEY TEAM CHARTS

AUSTIN PEAY STATE

Coach: John Palermo (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 0-11. OVC: 0-6/7th.

Key players: Kelly Barrett, DE; Bobby Boddie, S; Todd Conway, LB-DE; Rod Crutchfield, LB; Eric Dance, RB; Richard Darden, TE; Jaime Hagan, OT; Brian Harvey, LB; Jason Jackson, CB; Jamie Maslar, DE; Raymone Shockley, WR; Marty Staten, LB; Mark Swafford, G; Eric Wells, S; Derwin Wright, FB.

Schedule: Tennessee-Martin, Sept. 8; at Temple, Sept. 15; at Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 22; at Samford, Sept. 29; Tennessee State, Oct. 6; at Morehead State, Oct. 13; Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 20; at Illinois State, Oct. 27; Eastern Kentucky, Nov. 3; at Tennessee Tech, Nov. 10; Murray State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Governors.

Site: Clarksville, Tenn.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Roy Kidd (208-77-8, 26 years).

1989 record: 9-3. OVC: 5-1/2nd.

Key players: Craig Brooks, S; Leon Brown, TB; Rick Burkhead, TE; Mark Canady, DB; Lorenzo Fields, OB; Al Jacevicius, OT; Brett Kolnick, DE; Tim Lester, FB; Reggie McGee, DB; Chris McNamee, S; Markus Thomas, TB; Ernest Thompson, NG; Jim Von Handorf, C; Vincent Ware, SE; David Wilkins, DE.

Schedule: Central Florida, Sept. 8; Southeast Missouri State, Sept. 15; at Georgia Southern, Sept. 22; at Western Kentucky, Sept. 29; Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 6; at Murray State, Oct. 13; Tennessee State, Oct. 20; Tennessee Tech, Oct. 27; at Austin Peay State, Nov. 3; at Marshall, Nov. 10; Morehead State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Colonels.

Site: Richmond, Ky.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: James (Boots) Donnelly (75-49, 11 years; 89-56 overall, 13 years).

1989 record: 9-4 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). OVC: 6-0/1st.

Key players: Barry Benham, DL; Mike Caldwell, DE/LB; Joe Campbell, TB; Marty Carter, S; Anthony Coleman, LB; Chuck Daniel, P; Kenny Donaldson, SE; Leroy Gifford, G; Phil Ironside, QB; Wade Johnson, FB; Tracy Majors, C; Ricky Martin, TB; Jimmy McCamey, CB; Steve McAdoo, OT; Greg Pollard, DE/LB.

Schedule: At Tennessee State, Sept. 1; Georgia Southern, Sept. 8; East Tennessee State, Sept. 15; Western Kentucky, Sept. 22; at UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 29; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 6; Tennessee-Martin, Oct. 13; at Austin Peay State, Oct. 20; Morehead State, Oct. 27; at Murray State, Nov. 10; Tennessee Tech, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Blue Raiders.

Site: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MOREHEAD STATE

Coach: Cole Proctor (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 5-6. OVC: 2-4/T5th.

Key players: James Appel, OT; Darrell Beavers, DB; Billy Cloud, LB; Tyrone Fisher, DB; Brandon Ford, TE; James Goode, DE; Ken Moore, NG; Dennis Palochak, G; Dave Pingue, WR; Chris Swartz, QB; Carlos Tuck, DB; Mike Turner, DB; Walter Underwood, C; Anthony White,

WR; Jerome Williams, RB.

Schedule: At Marshall, Sept. 1; Western Kentucky, Sept. 8; at Kentucky State, Sept. 15; at Liberty, Sept. 22; Morgan State, Sept. 29; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 6; Austin Peay State, Oct. 13; Samford, Oct. 20; at Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 27; Murray State, Nov. 3; at Eastern Kentucky, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Eagles.

Site: Morehead, Ky.

MURRAY STATE

Coach: Mike Mahoney (16-15-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 6-4-1. OVC: 3-3/T3rd.

Key players: Danny Amato, LB; Greg Armstrong, G; Keith Askin, G; Shelton Burruss, LB; Dwayne Depp, RB; Greg Duncan, K; William Houston, CB; Brett Hubinger, OT (transfer/Pitt); James Huff, WR; Robby Lanon, LB; Xavier Pope, CB; Tyrone Young, DB (transfer/Lamar).

Schedule: At Louisville, Sept. 8; at Southern Illinois, Sept. 15; Eastern Illinois, Sept. 22; Tennessee Tech, Sept. 29; at Indiana State, Oct. 6; Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 13; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 20; Tennessee State, Oct. 27; at Morehead State, Nov. 3; Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 10; at Austin Peay State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Racers.

Site: Murray, Ky.

TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Joe Gilliam Sr. (5-5-1, 1 year).

1989 record: 5-5-1. OVC: 3-3/T3rd.

Key players: Darrell Brooks, DL; Tim Cross, FB; Marcus Dowdell, WR; J.J. Flournoy, K; Colin Godfrey, P; Gerald Hall, OL; Perry Hall, LB; Paul Jones, OL; Roger Jones, CB; Darrell Miller, LB; Anthony Owens, WR; Chuck Price, DL; James Reese, HB; Simon Shanks, LB; Larry Tharpe, OL.

Schedule: Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 1; Jackson State (at Memphis), Sept. 8; at Grambling State, Sept. 15; Florida A&M (at Atlanta), Sept. 22; Central State, O. (at Louisville), Sept. 29; at Austin Peay State, Oct. 6; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 20; at Murray State, Oct. 27; Tennessee Tech, Nov. 3; Southern University, Nov. 10; Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Nashville.

TENNESSEE TECH

Coach: Jim Ragland (10-32, 4 years).

1989 record: 4-6. OVC: 2-4/T5th.

Key players: Sam Brooks, WR; Bert Browne, QB; Norman Drake, DE; Tracy Graham, P; Marshall Hale, WR; Chip Holmes, DB; Jerry Jared, C; John Jones, G; Bruce Lamb, G; Fred Lowery, RB; Felix Parham, DB; Billy Shackelford, FB; Mike Stewart, DB; John Webb, FB; Travis Wilson, DT.

Schedule: Lock Haven, Sept. 1; UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 8; Samford, Sept. 15; at Ohio University, Sept. 22; at Murray State, Sept. 29; Morehead State, Oct. 6; Western Kentucky, Oct. 13; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 27; at Tennessee State, Nov. 3; Austin Peay State, Nov. 10; at Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Golden Eagles.

Site: Cookeville, Tenn.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky, 147.3 yds.pg (232 att., 1,620 yds., 15 TDs, 7.0 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Phil Ironside, Middle Tennessee State, 130.5 rating pts. (181 att., 95 comp., 10 TDs, 1,408 yds.).

Total offense: Chris Swartz, Morehead State, 226.4 yds.pg (-101 yds. rushing, 2,591 yds. passing, 2,490 total yds.).

Receiving: Jerome Williams, Morehead State, 6.1 rec.pg (61 rec., 566 yds., 1 TD, 9.3 avg.).

Scoring: Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky, 8.4 pts.pg

(15 TDs, 9 PATs, 0 FGs, 92 pts.).

Punting: Tracy Graham, Tennessee Tech, 40.2 avg. (59 punts, 2,372 yds.).

Punt returns: Orlando Crenshaw, Middle Tennessee State, 9.3 avg. (33 att., 308 yds., 1 TD).

Kickoff returns: Orlando Crenshaw, Middle Tennessee State, 21.4 avg. (24 att., 513 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Greg Duncan, Murray State, .82 FG.pg (9/14 FGs, 64.3%).

Interceptions: Jimmy McCamey, Middle Tennessee State, .55 int.pg (6 int., 22 yds., 0 TDs).

Holy Cross thankful the big one didn't get away

By PHIL CHARDIS
Manchester Journal Inquirer

Even now, 3½ years later, Holy Cross Coach Mark Duffner gets a little queasy when he reflects on his staff's less-than-dogged effort to recruit a bullish runner from Derry, N.H.

The fact is, if not for an eleventh-hour decision before the signing date, fullback Joe Segreti likely would be playing football nowadays for Northeastern. And that's a scary thought for Holy Cross fans, considering that in 1990 Segreti returns for his senior season in a Crusader uniform as the No. 3 rusher in school history and Holy Cross' career leader in rushing touchdowns.

Perhaps most important, the Crusaders wouldn't have one of their most respected team leaders as they attempt to maintain their amazing success of the last four seasons, over which they have compiled a 40-4 record. Last year, Holy Cross posted a 10-1 mark overall and went 4-0 while winning the championship in the Colonial League, which has been renamed the Patriot League.

"Joe was a two-way player at Pinkerton Academy (in Derry) and we weren't sure if we would play him as a running back or a defensive back," Duffner said. "We were delinquent in our thoughts—we should have just recruited him as an athlete. We were slow in calling him and it almost cost us. Thank goodness we saw the light."

Holy Cross was Segreti's No. 1 choice, but when no scholarship offer was extended, he decided on Northeastern and committed verbally to the Boston school.

"I called Holy Cross to tell them I was going to Northeastern," Segreti said, "and they called me back with a scholarship offer. I really wanted to go to Holy Cross. I hope Northeastern isn't still upset with me."

Segreti apparently knew what was best for him. But it took a while for things to prove out. In his freshman year (1987), he got in for only 12 offensive plays while versatile Gordie Lockbaum was grabbing all the headlines for a Holy Cross team that rolled to an 11-0 record. Segreti, who suffered a hand fracture that season, spent most of his time on special teams.

The first real indication of the scope of Segreti's skills came in the season opener of his sophomore season, a 49-7 dismantling of Rhode Island. Playing behind No. 1 fullback Willie Bradford, Segreti made a bid for more playing time by returning a kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown, catching an eight-yard scoring pass and running one yard for another TD. Then, in the third game of the '88 season, Bradford went down with a knee injury and the young man from New Hampshire moved into a starting role.

And move he did.

Segreti started the final eight games of 1988, finishing the year with 1,187 yards on the ground (third best in Holy Cross his-



Before his college career ends this season, fullback Joe Segreti should be firmly entrenched in the Holy Cross record book.

tory) and setting a school record with 16 touchdowns rushing (he scored 20 overall). Plus, he ran for an average of 107.9 yards per game. Not bad for a guy who was supposed to spend the season in a reserve role.

"Joe had all the tools and he showed them when Willie got banged up," Duffner said. "He's got tremendous power as a runner, but he's fast enough to turn the corner on anybody and he's got good hands. When he runs, he roars."

After his stellar 1988 contribution, Segreti didn't have to earn a starting spot last year—he just played as if that were the case. With quarterback Tom Ciaccio enjoying an all-conference season as a sophomore, Segreti actually carried the ball fewer times in 1989 but still managed his second straight 1,000-yard rushing season (1,099) and scored 13 touchdowns.

"Segreti's got the strength of a fullback and the elusiveness of a tailback," Colgate Coach Mike Foley said. "He's not just a big kid who bangs in there. He does a fair amount of blocking, too."

"He's got strength and speed both,"

Bucknell Coach Lou Maranzana said. "He runs hard and low, so he's hard to tackle—and he's a lot faster than you might think. He's an awfully versatile back."

Before his college career ends this season, Segreti should be firmly entrenched in the Holy Cross record book. He is 60 points behind Lockbaum's school career scoring record of 264 and 10 TDs behind Lockbaum's mark of 44. Additionally, with 2,318 rushing yards, he has a shot at Gill Fenerty's Holy Cross standard of 3,670.

"I guess I hoped for success like I've had, but maybe I didn't expect it," Segreti said. "It's hard to think about the records and things because I'm living it right now."

Those who know Segreti say he probably won't think much about the records later, either.

"He's the consummate team player," Duffner said. "He blushes when people talk about him and he won't ever talk about himself. He'll always turn the conversation around to talk about what the other guys did, even the guys at his position...."

Segreti may get even fewer carries in 1990 because the Crusaders possess an abundance of talented running backs.

"Joe's definitely our Number 1 guy," Duffner said, "but the competition is heated. It's a healthy situation for the team."

To Segreti, what's beneficial to the team is most important.

"We have a lot of good backs and, of course, we all want to carry the ball," he explained. "But the main thing is we want to be better than last year and that means we have to go 11-0. That's what we're shooting for. It'll be hard because every team gets hyped up to play us."

Whatever unfolds this year, it will only add a chapter to Segreti's already interesting life. Segreti, who is black, was adopted as a baby in California and spent his early childhood in Texas. However, after his adoptive father, who is white, retired from the Navy and relocated, Joe found himself in New Hampshire, where he lives with his father and stepmother (who also is white).

At Pinkerton Academy, Segreti was a two-time all-state tailback and a sprint standout on the track team. Nevertheless, at recruitment time, the major colleges eyeballed backfield teammate Ryan Mihalko while the likes of Northeastern, New Hampshire and Holy Cross showed interest in Segreti.

"I was disappointed that no big schools contacted me at all, especially after seeing what Ryan got (a chance to play at Notre Dame)," acknowledged Segreti, whose Pinkerton jersey has been retired.

However, Mihalko has been swallowed up in the sea of talent at Notre Dame and has been used only sparingly. Segreti, meanwhile, has emerged as a big fish in a smaller pond. All of which means Duffner made one heckuva catch with his late—but not too late—recruiting call of 3½ years ago. ■

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. HOLY CROSS

The Crusaders are so dominant, their second team might battle for the Patriot crown.

2. COLGATE

The Red Raiders could be the league's most improved team, but they still can't catch Holy Cross.

3. LEHIGH

The Engineers can score with the best, but their defense has more holes than Swiss cheese.

4. BUCKNELL

The overachieving Bison lack the big-time threats to compete with the first three teams.

5. LAFAYETTE

The Leopards' offense was depleted by graduation. Expect little help from a weak defense.

6. FORDHAM

The Rams are likely to serve as the league doormat for the foreseeable future.

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-PATRIOT TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR LESTER ERB, Bucknell
WR MARK GALLAGHER, Holy Cross
TE JEREMY GARVEY, Colgate
T JAY BUTLER, Bucknell
T KEITH PETZOLD, Lehigh
C JARROD JOHNSON, Lehigh
G JOE FOY, Holy Cross
G TIM LAWLER, Colgate
QB TOM CIACCIO, Holy Cross
RB TOM COSTELLO, Lafayette
FB JOE SEGRETI, Holy Cross

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL MATT FRAS, Holy Cross
DL ANDY HERTZ, Holy Cross
DL RICK KRICHBAUM, Colgate
DL MARC KOSCIUK, Holy Cross
LB MARK BLAZEJEWSKI, Fordham
LB CRAIG CALLAHAN, Holy Cross
LB MIKE JASPER, Colgate
LB JOHN SPATAFORE, Bucknell
DB MIKE AUGSBERGER, Bucknell
DB RON FLAUTO, Holy Cross
DB JOE MARTIN, Colgate
DB RODNEY SHANNON, Lafayette

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK JIM HODSON, Lafayette
P RORY CRUMP, Colgate

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Tom Ciaccio
Holy Cross QB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Craig Callahan
Holy Cross LB

PATRIOT LEAGUE TEAM CHARTS

BUCKNELL

Coach: Lou Maranzana (5-5, 1 year).

1989 record: 5-5. Colonial: 2-2/T2nd.

Key players: Mike Augsberger, S; Paul Austin, G; Jay Butler, OT; Craig Cavlovic, FB; Larry Czeponis, G; Lester Erb, WR; Brian Henesey, TB; Bill Higgins, LB; Eric Jantzi, DT; John Lusk, DE; Jeff Pape, TE; Tim Pavlechko, C; Doug Roebuck, OT; Dan Scocca, WR; John Spatafore, LB.

Schedule: Hofstra, Sept. 8; at Lafayette, Sept. 15; Columbia, Sept. 22; at Cornell, Sept. 29; Towson State, Oct. 6; Princeton, Oct. 13; at William & Mary, Oct. 20; Colgate, Oct. 27; at Holy Cross, Nov. 3; at Lehigh, Nov. 10; Fordham, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bison.

Site: Lewisburg, Pa.

COLGATE

Coach: Mike Foley (6-16, 2 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Colonial: 1-3/T4th.

Key players: Jim Buebendorf, OT; Rory Crump, P; George Delaney, WR; Jeremy Garvey, TE; John Gioffre, DE; Dave Goodwin, QB; Kevin Gray, DT; Joe Hopko, FB; Mike Jasper, LB; Rick Krichbaum, DT; Tim Lawler, G; Joe Martin, DB; Dan McCarthy, WR; Mike Ryan, TE; Jim Tierney, TB.

Schedule: At Boston University, Sept. 1; at Rutgers, Sept. 15; Cornell, Sept. 22; Princeton, Sept. 29; at Yale, Oct. 6; New Hampshire, Oct. 13; at Fordham, Oct. 20; at Bucknell, Oct. 27; at Lehigh, Nov. 3; Holy Cross, Nov. 17; Lafayette (at Ischia, Italy), Nov. 23.

Nickname: Red Raiders.

Site: Hamilton, N.Y.

FORDHAM

Coach: Larry Glueck (25-15-1, 4 years).

1989 record: 2-6. First full year in Patriot League.

Key players: Bryan Dunphy, S; Tom Garlick, SE; Scott Helverson, TB; Craig Jones, DB; Marc Meighan, TE; Dave Olsakowski, QB; Tom O'Neill, LB; Eric Schweiker, C; Steve Troutman, K; Jed Wallace, P.

Schedule: At Hofstra, Sept. 1; at Lehigh, Sept. 8; at Princeton, Sept. 22; at Brown, Sept. 29; at Harvard, Oct. 13; Colgate, Oct. 20; Washington & Jefferson, Oct. 27; Lafayette, Nov. 3; Holy Cross, Nov. 10; at Bucknell, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Rams.

Site: Bronx, N.Y.

HOLY CROSS

Coach: Mark Duffner (40-4, 4 years).

1989 record: 10-1. Colonial: 4-0/1st.

Key players: Craig Callahan, LB; Tom Ciaccio, QB; Darin Cromwell, TB; Darrell Dees, CB; Joe Foy, G; Matt Fras, DE; Jerome Fuller, FB; Mark Gallagher, WR-P; Andy Hertz, DT; Scott Kania, K; Marc Kosciuk, MG; Michael Lewis, WR; Joe Segreti, FB; Stefan Stratton, DE; Corey Vincent, DT.

Schedule: Massachusetts, Sept. 8; at Army, Sept. 15; at Pennsylvania, Sept. 22; Harvard, Sept. 29; Dartmouth, Oct. 6; at Brown, Oct. 13; Lehigh, Oct. 20; Lafayette, Oct. 27; Bucknell, Nov. 3; at Fordham, Nov. 10; at Colgate, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Crusaders.

Site: Worcester, Mass.

LAFAYETTE

Coach: Bill Russo (56-39-1, 9 years; 71-54-1 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 5-5. Colonial: 2-2/T2nd.

Key players: Ed Albert, LB; Dave Baird, SE; Art Bittel, MG; John Carter, FL; Tom Costello, RB; Dave DiCaprio, DB; Mike Grau, FL; Rob Green, DT; Jim Hodson, K; Kyle Mabus, DB; Tim Moncman, LB; Mark Reardon, DB; Charlie Roman, DB; Rodney Shannon, DB; Dave Weaver, DE.

Schedule: Kutztown State (Pa.), Sept. 8; Bucknell, Sept. 15; at Yale, Sept. 22; Pennsylvania, Sept. 29; at Columbia, Oct. 6; Cornell, Oct. 13; at Army, Oct. 20; at Holy Cross, Oct. 27; at Fordham, Nov. 3; Lehigh, Nov. 17; Colgate (at Ischia, Italy), Nov. 23.

Nickname: Leopards.

Site: Easton, Pa.

LEHIGH

Coach: Hank Small (21-23-1, 4 years).

1989 record: 5-6. Colonial: 1-3/T4th.

Key players: Conney Berger, DT; Erik Bird, K; Rich Clark, FL; Kevin Costello, FB; Tom Cunningham, G; Horace Hamm, FL; Shon Harker, S; Jarrod Johnson, C; Glen Kempa, QB; Keith Petzold, OT; Lee Picariello, LB; Peter Sczerbinski, CB; Ben Taylor, CB; Erick Torain, TB; Rich Windish, OT.

Schedule: Fordham, Sept. 8; at Towson State, Sept. 15; at Dartmouth, Sept. 22; Columbia, Sept. 29; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 6; at Northeastern, Oct. 13; at Holy Cross, Oct. 20; at William & Mary, Oct. 27; Colgate, Nov. 3; Bucknell, Nov. 10; at Lafayette, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Engineers.

Site: Bethlehem, Pa.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Tom Costello, Lafayette, 139.7 yds.pg (256 att., 1,397 yds., 16 TDs, 5.5 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Tom Ciaccio, Holy Cross, 145.6 rating pts. (363 att., 230 comp., 23 TDs, 2,982 yds.).

Total offense: Tom Ciaccio, Holy Cross, 290.8 yds.pg (217 yds. rushing, 2,982 yds. passing, 3,199 total yds.).

Receiving: Kevin Costello, Lehigh, 5.3 rec.pg (58 rec., 514 yds., 3 TDs, 8.9 avg.).

Scoring: Tom Costello, Lafayette, 10.2 pts.pg (17 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 102 pts.).

Punting: Jed Wallace, Fordham, 35.8 avg. (32 punts, 1,144 yds.).

Punt returns: Dan Scocca, Bucknell, 9.7 avg. (12 att., 116 yds., 1 TD).

Kickoff returns: Mark Gallagher, Holy Cross, 22.3 avg. (15 att., 335 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Jim Hodson, Lafayette, 1.30 FG.pg (13/20 FGs, 65%).

Interceptions: Mike Augsberger, Bucknell, .33 int.pg (3 int., 43 yds., 0 TDs); Jeff Kelly, Bucknell, .33 int.pg (3 int., 19 yds., 0 TDs).

Furman star hopes to start national title tradition

By GLENN ROLLINS
Charlotte Observer

Because of Frankie DeBusk, one Furman tradition has continued while another has come to a screeching halt. And the 6-foot-2 senior already has helped lay the groundwork for a third.

The continuing tradition is the long line of ultraefficient Paladin quarterbacks who have led the team to eight Southern Conference championships over the last 12 seasons.

The now-defunct tradition involved the picturesque lake that sits outside the dining hall on the pastoral campus in the rolling hills of upstate South Carolina.

At some point during his football career at Furman, every player could expect to get a birthday baptism from his teammates by unceremoniously getting thrown into the lake. Freshman DeBusk got his on October 31, 1987, the day after he had played his first collegiate game and completed nine of 12 passes, three of them for touchdowns, in a mop-up appearance against Davidson.

The only problem with this particular celebration was that the strong-armed youngster suffered a broken ankle that ended his season. End of tradition.

DeBusk and the Paladins would like to replace it with a more enduring tradition. DeBusk, who took over as a starter early in the 1988 campaign and helped lead Furman to the NCAA Division I-AA national championship, would like to add a second title to his resume while helping to establish the Paladins as a consistent national title threat.

"One this year sure would go nice with our first one," he said.

With DeBusk pulling the trigger on its lethal option attack, Furman appeared to be headed for a second straight national title last season. The Paladins lost their season opener, a 30-0 decision to Division I-A power Clemson, but then won 12 straight games before losing by two points in a national playoff semifinal to Stephen F. Austin State.

Furman's failure to repeat can be traced directly to its 24-10 first-round playoff victory over William & Mary. It was during that game that DeBusk's junior campaign came to a sudden end, courtesy of a knee injury. The Paladins could advance only one more round (a 42-23 victory over Youngstown State), and Coach Jimmy Satterfield was forced to take solace in the fact that his young field general had not suffered torn cartilage. DeBusk was ready for live work in spring practice and should be 100 percent entering his senior season.

So should Furman's powerful offense, which averaged 394.3 yards per game in 1989 and returns nine starters. DeBusk, following in the tradition of such former Furman quarterbacks as Tim Sorrells, David Charpia and Bobby Lamb, has compiled a 22-2 record as a starter and is well



Furman quarterback Frankie DeBusk would like to add a second Division I-AA national championship to his resume.

respected around the Southern Conference for his ability to read defenses and change plays at the line of scrimmage.

Sorrells and Lamb now are assistants to Satterfield, who helped devise the lethal Furman option in eight years as an assistant under former coach Dick Sheridan. When Sheridan moved to North Carolina State in 1985 after Furman finished as runner-up to I-AA national champion Georgia Southern, he recommended Satterfield to succeed him.

Succeed is the appropriate word.

Satterfield has developed an outstanding defense to complement his overpowering offense. He has deviated only slightly from Sheridan's well-conceived option system. That approach has resulted in a 39-11-2 record in four seasons as coach.

Furman's offensive and defensive balance was so great last year that the Paladins outscored regular-season opponents, 113-13, in first-quarter action. In DeBusk's last seven games, that margin was 94-0. Furman's dominance was reflected by the fact that DeBusk played in the fourth quarter of games only three times.

DeBusk is cut from the same mold as his predecessors—Sorrells, Charpia and Lamb—although he boasts a stronger arm. All three quarterbacks have excelled at the decision-making demands and executional beauty of the option.

There are times, however, when DeBusk wonders what might have been. What kind of passing numbers could he have posted if Satterfield had let out the

reins and allowed him to air it out?

"It is envy in a way," DeBusk said. "I feel like I could throw in any program, and I've sort of always wished we would throw 30 to 40 times a game."

"But then I look at what we've done over the years, the conference championships, the two we've had since I've been here, and I can't really say that I'd change anything."

"Other quarterbacks may throw more, but we always lead the conference in yards per completion and touchdowns per attempt."

That DeBusk is displaying his talents at Furman rather than Southern Conference rival East Tennessee State is the result of a last-second change of heart during the high school recruiting wars. Sorrells, who handled the bulk of the recruiting for DeBusk's services, was notified of the youngster's change of heart via a 2 a.m. phone call the day before he was supposed to commit to East Tennessee State. Sorrells had the inside track most of the way because his father, Fred Sorrells, coached DeBusk at Greeneville (Tenn.) High School.

During a workout the day before the 1988 championship game against Georgia Southern, DeBusk noticed a glazed look come over Tim Sorrells' face.

"He just said, 'You know, you could be sitting up at East Tennessee and watching this on TV,'" DeBusk said.

"That's what I remember when I get to thinking of being at another school." ■

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. FURMAN

The Paladins again will rank among the nation's elite. Frankie DeBusk leads an explosive offense.

2. UT-CHATTANOOGA

The Moccasins are loaded, especially at the skill positions, to make a run at the I-AA crown.

3. APPALACHIAN STATE

If three ACC opponents don't ravage their ranks, the Mountaineers should give Furman a battle.

4. MARSHALL

Major graduation losses give Jim Donnan an immediate opportunity to test his coaching ability.

5. THE CITADEL

The Bulldogs' furious defense is supplemented by a solid offensive backfield.

6. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

The Buccaneers suffered severe defensive losses and lack offensive firepower.

7. VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

The Keydets must discover a passing game to overcome a lack of size, speed and depth.

8. WESTERN CAROLINA

You can't expect much from a team that has a new coach for the second straight year.

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR ANDRE MOTLEY, Marshall
WR BRAD STEPHENS, Furman
TE ERIC IHNAT, Marshall
T DAVID EWART, East Tennessee State
T KYLE LOWERY, Furman
C STEVE DUGGAN, Furman
G DERHON ROBINSON, The Citadel
G ERIC WALTER, Furman
QB FRANKIE DEBUSK, Furman
RB JAMES ROBERTS, UT-Chattanooga
RB CARL TREMBLE, Furman

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL TROY BOECK, UT-Chattanooga
DL ALLEN EDWARDS, Furman
DL AVERY HALL, Appalachian State
DL TONY HILL, UT-Chattanooga
LB J.J. DAVIS, The Citadel
LB KEVIN KENDRICK, Furman
LB JOHNNY JENNINGS, Appalachian State
LB DWAYNE PELLHAM, Appalachian State
DB DAN SMALLWOOD, Furman
DB LESTER SMITH, The Citadel
DB SHANNON WALKER, The Citadel
DB DERRICK WILLIS, UT-Chattanooga

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK DEWEY KLEIN, Marshall
P PUMPY TUDORS, UT-Chattanooga

OFFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Frankie DeBusk
Furman QB

DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Troy Boeck
UT-Chattanooga DT

SOUTHERN TEAM CHARTS

Nickname: Paladins.

Site: Greenville, S.C.

MARSHALL

Coach: Jim Donnan (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 6-5. Southern: 4-3/T3rd.

Key players: Harold Alexander, P; Tommy Ball, C; D.J. Campbell, QB; Jeff Dudan, TE/FB; Donnie Durham, LB; Avery Hall, DT; Johnny Jennings, LB; Rico Mack, LB; Mark Mayo, DB; Jay Millson, K; Pat Moore, NT; Dwayne Pelham, LB; Chuck Phifer, DE; J.K. Reaves, RB; Anthony Smith, WR.

Schedule: East Tennessee State, Sept. 1; at Wake Forest, Sept. 8; at Clemson, Sept. 22; The Citadel, Sept. 29; at North Carolina State, Oct. 6; Furman, Oct. 13; Western Carolina, Oct. 20; at UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 27; at Marshall, Nov. 3; at Virginia Military, Nov. 10; at James Madison, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Mountaineers.

Site: Boone, N.C.

THE CITADEL

Coach: Charlie Taaffe (17-16-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 5-5-1. Southern: 1-5-1/8th.

Key players: Pat Chapman, C; Lance Cook, LB; Mike Cory, DT; J.J. Davis, LB; Kelly Fladger, CB; Raymond Mazvick, HB; Bill Melby, LB; Brendon Potts, QB; DeRhon Robinson, G; David Russinko, DT; Dwayne Smalls, LB; Lester Smith, S; Shannon Walker, CB; Tim Wilburn, NG; Gerens Williams, NG.

Schedule: William & Mary, Sept. 8; at Air Force, Sept. 15; Marshall, Sept. 22; at Appalachian State, Sept. 29; at Western Carolina, Oct. 6; UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 13; at South Carolina, Oct. 20; East Tennessee State, Oct. 27; Virginia Military, Nov. 3; Wofford, Nov. 10; at Furman, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bulldogs.

Site: Charleston, S.C.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Don Riley (7-15, 2 years).

1989 record: 4-7. Southern: 4-3/T3rd.

Key players: Steve Banco, NG; Kip Bembry, WR; Al Blunt, LB; Albert Burt, TB; Darryl Butler, DT; David Ewart, OT; Stephen Girard, WR; Stacy Ivester, G; Randy Meredith, QB; Bobby Raulerson, DB; Mike Shoun, K; Jack Teachey, TE; Mark Thompson, FB; Mark Williams, QB; Chris York, LB.

Schedule: At Appalachian State, Sept. 1; Samford, Sept. 8; at Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 15; at Western Carolina, Sept. 22; at UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 6; Marshall, Oct. 13; Valdosta State, Oct. 20; at The Citadel, Oct. 27; Wofford, Nov. 3; Furman, Nov. 10; Virginia Military, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Buccaneers.

Site: Johnson City, Tenn.

FURMAN

Coach: Jimmy Satterfield (39-11-2, 4 years).

1989 record: 12-2 (including 2-1 in I-AA playoffs).

Southern: 7-0/1st.

Key players: Frankie DeBusk, QB; Steve Duggan, C; Allen Edwards, NG; Tom Griffith, G; Kevin Kendrick, LB; Donald Lipscomb, SE; Kyle Lowery, OT; Taylor Quarles, S; Paul Siffrin, TE; Dan Smallwood, CB; Brad Stephens, FL; Kota Suttle, LB; Carl Tremble, TB; Eric Walter, G; Dean Williams, DT.

Schedule: South Carolina State, Sept. 1; Presbyterian (S.C.), Sept. 8; at UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 15; at Florida, Sept. 22; at Marshall, Sept. 29; Virginia Military, Oct. 6; at Appalachian State, Oct. 13; Western Carolina, Oct. 27; at William & Mary, Nov. 3; at East Tennessee State, Nov. 10; The Citadel, Nov. 17.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: James Roberts, UT-Chattanooga, 106.7 yds.pg (215 att., 1,067 yds., 7 TDs, 5.0 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Frankie DeBusk, Furman, 156.8 rating pts. (177 att., 97 comp., 1,687 yds., 13 TDs).

Total offense: Randy Meredith, East Tennessee State, 172.7 yds.pg (11 yds. rushing, 1,716 yds. passing, 1,727 total yds.).

Receiving: Andre Motley, Marshall, 5.4 rec.pg (59 rec., 908 yds., 9 TDs, 15.4 avg.).

Scoring: Dewey Klein, Marshall, 6.2 pts.pg (0 TDs, 32 PATs, 12 FGs, 68 pts.).

Punting: Pumpy Tudors, UT-Chattanooga, 43.3 avg.

(65 punts, 2,817 yds.).

Punt returns: Don Clardy, Furman, 10.6 avg. (16 att., 169 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Shoun Habersham, UT-Chattanooga, 25.2 avg. (22 att., 554 yds., 1 TD).

Field goals: Jay Millson, Appalachian State, 1.09 FG.pg (12/15 FGs, 80%); Dewey Klein, Marshall, 1.09 FG.pg (12/16 FGs, 75%).

Interceptions: Tony Skole, The Citadel, .36 int.pg (4 int., 4 yds., 0 TDs); Shannon Walker, The Citadel, .36 int.pg (4 int., 39 yds., 0 TDs).

McNeese Coach Keasler returns to Cajun roots

By CARL DUBOIS
Lake Charles American Press

As an assistant coach at Northeast Louisiana, Bobby Keasler earned the reputation of master recruiter. He was particularly adept at raiding the backyard of Southland Conference rival McNeese State.

That was a product of Keasler's New Iberia, La., upbringing. McNeese State, like New Iberia, is located in the heart of Cajun country, and Keasler became a popular figure in the homes of southwest Louisiana football recruits. So popular, in fact, that in 1987 Northeast Louisiana, well stocked with Keasler recruits, captured the Division I-AA national championship while McNeese State, operating under first-year Coach Sonny Jackson, was struggling to a 2-9 record.

Two rugged seasons later, McNeese officials finally succumbed to the age-old theory: If you can't lick 'em, join 'em. They hired Keasler to replace Jackson for the 1990 season and the move paid immediate dividends. Keasler, playing a variation of his familiar theme, signed three players from Louisiana Class-AAAA state champion Ouachita High School, located in Monroe, home of Northeast Louisiana University.

And he didn't stop there.

Keasler also recruited Northeast assistant Kirby Bruchhaus, another southwest Louisiana native, to return home as his defensive coordinator.

Keasler, who worked as both an offensive and defensive coordinator during his nine years at Northeast, scored big with his double reverse. Now all he has to do is recruit McNeese State fans, who have suffered through a four-year, 15-29 depression.

Keasler's only previous head coaching experience was at New Iberia High School almost 10 years ago, but those who know him predict big success. He guided a down-on-its-luck New Iberia team to 10-1 and 14-1 records in 1979 and '80, losing only in the high school playoffs to the eventual state champions. Only one of his players from those teams went on to play college football.

"Keasler was blessed with the kind of personality that enables a coach to get the absolute most out of his players," Daily Iberian sports editor Glenn Quebedeaux said. "Those players loved him. They would have died for him."

"Here was a team that was picked no higher than fifth in its district, expected to do nothing, and Keasler came along that year and became a head coach for the first time. To be perfectly honest, I thought New Iberia made a mistake when they hired him."

The school chose Keasler over a long-time assistant coach, who left after being bypassed. But it soon became obvious that New Iberia had chosen the right man.

"They just kept winning," Quebedeaux recalled. "They were sound fundamental-



Coach Bobby Keasler will need to work his recruiting magic in order to rebuild the victory-starved McNeese State program.

ly, they were solid with all their techniques, but more than that, they played over their heads on every down for Keasler.

"As for Xs and Os, I know he's a good coach, but he won with something else. I don't know what it was, but he had something in him that drew out the best from everybody on the team."

Now Keasler will be asked to perform that same kind of magic for victory-starved McNeese State.

"Coming to McNeese is like coming home for me," Keasler said. "I know the people, I know the culture and I think I understand the things that motivate people here. More than that, I think this program needs stability."

"I'm the third football coach some of these seniors have seen here, and the sixth head coach since 1978. That's a lot of change, and sometimes that can be disruptive."

Because of his roots, Keasler is being billed as a "young Ernie Duplechin" by McNeese, a reference to the French-speaking Cajun who guided the Cowboys to consecutive Southland titles in 1979 and '80. Keasler remembers closely following

the progress of those McNeese teams.

"I really believe stability was the key to McNeese's success in the past," he said. "You had a coaching staff that was together for a number of years, and that became a powerful bond for everyone involved."

"At McNeese, the players were what I consider to be overachievers. Their coaches made them believe in themselves and in their system, and they got a lot of mileage out of their talent."

That was the McNeese formula a decade ago, but those Cowboy teams always seemed to have at least one impact player around which to build. Such former Cowboy stars as Stephen Starring, Buford Jordan and Leonard Smith went on to enjoy successful professional careers.

To consistently find blue-chip players of that caliber as he rebuilds the McNeese program, Keasler will have to spread his recruiting magic among his assistants.

"It's my belief that you first sell yourself to the young man and his family, and only then can you begin to sell the university and the program," Keasler said.

Two Keasler recruits who still play at Northeast Louisiana say that's exactly how he won them over.

"He sold himself, the school, the program and education," said Northeast wide receiver Corey Perkins, who signed along with LaGrange High School teammate Mack Dellafosse. LaGrange is located in Lake Charles, home of McNeese State. "When you first met him, he made you feel comfortable. He didn't put any pressure on you. He would call and ask about our family. He told us to take a recruiting trip and let the players sell the program to us."

Said Dellafosse: "He made you feel like you were at home, like he had known you for a long time. He never promised us anything. He said what we make of our opportunities was up to us. I've talked to players down there (McNeese), and they love him to death."

Keasler says he thinks college football should be fun, and even with the pressures, high expectations and long hours, fun always should be a priority.

True to that credo, Keasler turned over the coaching reins to the media for the McNeese spring game. As an added twist, he even wrote an analysis of the game for the Lake Charles American Press.

"As a sportswriter, I'm a pretty good coach," Keasler said.

As a recruiter, he's a pretty good Cajun. Many people think he'll soon have McNeese fans two-stepping again to the strains of the school fight song, "Jolie Blon," after every touchdown.

"I asked somebody how McNeese looked in the spring, and they said they weren't very good," Quebedeaux said. "Not very fast, not real big and not blessed with a lot of talent. I immediately remembered how Keasler's New Iberia team looked in 1979, and it made me think McNeese is going to do OK this year." ■

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE

Newcomer Scott Barrick is well equipped to replace standout quarterback Todd Hammel.

2. NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

This program continues to churn out winners. The Indians are deep and experienced.

3. NORTH TEXAS

As long as Scott Davis is taking snaps, the Eagles are a threat. The defense should be improved.

4. NORTHWESTERN STATE

The development of the Demons' young skill-position athletes will dictate their success.

5. MCNEESE STATE

The Cowboys boast the best secondary in the conference, but the offense needs a leader.

6. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

This will be a rough year, but the hiring of Coach Dennis Franchione bodes well for the future.

7. SAM HOUSTON STATE

A quarterback dilemma is one of just many problems the Bearkats face.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHLAND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR	TONY COOK	North Texas
WR	ERIC WRIGHT	Stephen F. Austin
TE	DERRICK WRIGHT	Stephen F. Austin
T	GREG BRYANT	Stephen F. Austin
T	JEFF SCHWANTES	McNeese State
C	CLAY BODE	North Texas
G	SEAN FREEMAN	Northwestern State
G	REGGIE LAWSON	Northeast Louisiana
QB	SCOTT DAVIS	North Texas
RB	CISCO RICHARD	Northeast Louisiana
FB	REGGIE RIVERS	Southwest Texas State

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL	NORMAN AMOS	Northeast Louisiana
DL	MICHAEL BANKSTON	Sam Houston State
DL	MERVIN JONES	Stephen F. Austin
DL	ANTHONY WILLIAMS	Northeast Louisiana
LB	ANDRE CARRON	Northwestern State
LB	CHAD COLEMAN	Southwest Texas State
LB	BYRON GROSS	North Texas
LB	ROD MOON	Northeast Louisiana
DB	CHARLES BOYCE	Sam Houston State
DB	HEATH JOHNSON	Southwest Texas State
DB	MIKE PIERCE	McNeese State
DB	KIP TEXADA	McNeese State

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK	CHUCK RAWLINSON	Stephen F. Austin
P	PAUL ALSBURY	Southwest Texas State

OFFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Scott Davis
North Texas QB

DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF YEAR

Mike Pierce
McNeese State DB

SOUTHLAND TEAM CHARTS

MCNEESE STATE

Coach: Bobby Keasler (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 5-6. Southland: 2-4/T5th.

Key players: Jeff Delhomme, WR; Hud Jackson, QB; Sean Judge, LB; Eric LeBlanc, LB; Mark LeBlanc, FB; Mike Pierce, S; Jimmy Poirier, P; Grey Rayson, DL; Jeff Schwantes, OT; Ronald Scott, DL; Bobby Smith, TE; Ronald Solomon, CB; Marc Stampley, S; Kip Texada, CB; Wes Watts, QB.

Schedule: At Nicholls State, Sept. 1; Louisiana Tech, Sept. 8; at Eastern Illinois, Sept. 15; at Montana, Sept. 22; Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 6; Northwestern State, Oct. 13; at North Texas, Oct. 20; at Southwest Texas State, Oct. 27; at Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 3; Sam Houston State, Nov. 10; Weber State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Cowboys.

Site: Lake Charles, La.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Coach: Dave Roberts (4-6-1, 1 year; 30-36-2 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 4-6-1. Southland: 2-3-1/4th.

Key players: Norman Amos, DT; Andy Bellamy, G; Kenneth Burton, WR; Spencer Ellison, DB; Terrell Haynes, DB; Reggie Lawson, G; Marcus Martin, DB; Rod Moon, LB; Doug Pederson, QB; Corey Perkins, WR; Roosevelt Potts, RB; Henry Richard, TB; Rob Tallent, K; Anthony Williams, DE; Vic Zordan, C.

Schedule: At Arkansas State, Sept. 8; Mississippi College, Sept. 15; Southwest Texas State, Sept. 22; at Georgia Southern, Sept. 29; at McNeese State, Oct. 6; Sam Houston State, Oct. 13; at Nicholls State, Oct. 20; Northwestern State, Oct. 27; Louisiana Tech, Nov. 3; Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 10; at North Texas, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Indians.

Site: Monroe, La.

NORTH TEXAS

Coach: Corky Nelson (42-47-1, 8 years).

1989 record: 5-6. Southland: 2-4/T5th.

Key players: Isaac Barnett, DB; Clay Bode, C; Scott Bowles, OL; Walter Casey, DB; Tony Cook, WR; Mike Davis, DL; Scott Davis, QB; Byron Gross, LB; J.D. Martinez, OL; Velton Morgan, WR; Eric Pegram, RB; Wayne Walker, DB; Shawn Wash, DL; Charles White, RB; Keith Wilkerson, LB.

Schedule: Alcorn State, Sept. 8; Abilene Christian, Sept. 15; at Texas A&M, Sept. 22; Northwestern State, Sept. 29; Southern Methodist, Oct. 6; at Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 13; McNeese State, Oct. 20; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 27; Arkansas State, Nov. 3; at Southwest Texas State, Nov. 10; Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Eagles.

Site: Denton, Tex.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Coach: Sam Goodwin (39-37-3, 7 years; 48-48-4 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 4-5-2. Southland: 3-1-2/2nd.

Key players: Darius Adams, TB; Brad Brown, QB; Andre Carron, LB; Ron Davis, DB; Rob Floyd, LB; Sean Freeman, G; Adrian Hardy, DB; Ricky Jones, G; John King, OT; Troy Knight, DT; Greg Necaise, DE; Mike Owens, OT; Jerry Roberson, WR; Fred Thompson, DB; Carlos Treadaway, TE.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Reggie Rivers, Southwest Texas State, 59.9 yds.pg (136 att., 659 yds., 4.8 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Scott Davis, North Texas, 128.1 rating pts. (263 att., 155 comp., 1,941 yds., 13 TDs).

Total offense: Doug Pederson, Northeast Louisiana, 224 yds.pg (-139 yds. rushing, 2,603 yds. passing, 2,464 total yds.).

Receiving: Cisco Richard, Northeast Louisiana, 5.6 rec.pg (16 rec., 481 yds., 1 TD, 7.9 avg.).

Scoring: Chuck Rawlinson, Stephen F. Austin State, 6.9 pts.pg (0 TDs, 49 PATs, 9 FGs, 76 pts.).

Schedule: Eastern Illinois, Sept. 8; Nicholls State, Sept. 15; East Texas State, Sept. 22; at North Texas, Sept. 29; at Arkansas State, Oct. 6; at McNeese State, Oct. 13; Southwest Texas State, Oct. 20; at Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 27; Sam Houston State, Nov. 3; at Jackson State, Nov. 10; at Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Demons.

Site: Natchitoches, La.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Coach: Ron Randleman (46-43, 8 years; 133-85-3 overall, 21 years).

1989 record: 3-8. Southland: 2-4/T5th.

Key players: Michael Bankston, DT; Johnnie Black, DT; Charles Boyce, CB; Jimmy Caldwell, DB; David Elam, C; Darryl Harrison, LB; Rodney Howerton, G; Eric January, DE; Jeff Kerby, OT; Elijah Nauls, FB; Mike Otis, LB; Curtis Thomas, TB; Danny Thomas, QB; Ashley Van Meter, QB; Murphy Yates, G.

Schedule: At Texas Southern, Sept. 8; Angelo State, Sept. 15; at Baylor, Sept. 22; at Texas-El Paso, Sept. 29; at Nicholls State, Oct. 6; at Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 13; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 20; North Texas, Oct. 27; at Northwestern State, Nov. 3; at McNeese State, Nov. 10; Southwest Texas State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bearkats.

Site: Huntsville, Tex.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Coach: Dennis Franchione (first year at Southwest Texas State; 67-10-2 overall, 7 years).

1989 record: 5-6. Southland: 3-3/3rd.

Key players: Paul Alsbury, P; Chad Coleman, LB; James Farmer, OL; Danny Faust, RB; Heath Johnson, DB; Brian McCray, DB; Ricky Newman, OL; Ryan Purdy, LB-DL; Reggie Rivers, FB; Todd Scott, RB; Mario Simmons, DB; Warren Stewart, DB; Ervin Thomas, C; Cleve Tryon, LB; Rod Woodard, S-LB.

Schedule: At Texas A&I, Sept. 1; Idaho, Sept. 8; at Liberty, Sept. 15; at Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 22; Nicholls State, Sept. 29; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 6; Texas Southern, Oct. 13; at Northwestern State, Oct. 20; McNeese State, Oct. 27; North Texas, Nov. 10; at Sam Houston State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Bobcats.

Site: San Marcos, Tex.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE

Coach: Lynn Graves (12-2-1, 1 year).

1989 record: 12-2-1 (including 3-1 in I-AA play-offs). Southland: 5-0-1st.

Key players: Scott Barrick, QB (JC); Greg Bryant, OT; Ric Crowder, CB; Tim Fields, WR; John Ford, DE; Jim Hall, G; Mervin Jones, DT; Greg Owens, LB; Andy Phillips, OT; Chuck Rawlinson, K; Gary Russell, DT; Gary Spring, QB; Roderick Tatum, LB; David Temple, LB; Derrick Wright, TE; Eric Wright, WR.

Schedule: At Boise State, Sept. 1; Angelo State, Sept. 8; at Nicholls State, Sept. 22; Jackson State, Sept. 29; at Southwest Texas State, Oct. 6; North Texas, Oct. 13; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 20; at Louisiana Tech, Oct. 27; McNeese State, Nov. 3; at Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 10; Northwestern State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Lumberjacks.

Site: Nacogdoches, Tex.

Jackson State's Barnett catches NFL attention

By CARL DUBOIS
Lake Charles American Press

For three years, Tim Barnett has been doing his job quietly while others have dominated the Jackson State football spotlight. But that doesn't mean the speedy Tiger receiver has gone unnoticed.

"He's been played at tight end and split end and he shows ability at both positions," said Charles Garcia, a scout for the National Football League's New England Patriots. "His hands are good, he has good concentration and he seems to have the courage to catch the ball in traffic."

In 1987 and '88, Barnett's contributions were overshadowed by Lewis Tillman, a record-breaking running back who now plays for the NFL's New York Giants. Barnett served as the deep threat last season while wide receiver Ron Lewis (picked in the 12th round of the NFL draft by the Los Angeles Raiders) was setting a school record with 63 receptions.

Now Barnett, a battle-tested senior, figures to become the principal 1990 target in Jackson State's pro-set offensive scheme. And observers understandably are predicting a big season.

While Lewis was garnering most of the attention around the Southwestern Athletic Conference last year, Barnett was catching 33 passes and averaging a whopping 23.5 yards per reception. Eight went for touchdowns—five more than Lewis caught in his role as the Tigers' top possession receiver. NFL scouts see him as a potential big-play wideout with the same basic skills as another SWAC product who has made a big mark in the pro ranks—former Mississippi Valley State star Jerry Rice.

Barnett definitely has the size (6-foot-2, 203 pounds) and speed (4.5 seconds over 40 yards), but he must answer questions about his ability to generate a quick start out of a three-point stance.

"His time in the 40 when the scouts came to our pro day would have been better had he utilized better technique in taking off," Tigers Coach W.C. Gorden said. "But that will come. Tim has already proven he can be a great possession receiver and a legitimate deep threat."

Gorden, who joined the Jackson State staff as an assistant in 1967, is beginning his 14th season as Tigers head coach. He has seen some quality receivers come through the program and he believes Barnett fits the mold.

"My rule of thumb is the other wide receivers that have matriculated here," Gorden said, rattling off a list that includes such names as Harold Jackson, Gloster Richardson, Willie Richardson, Richard Caster, Jerome Barkum and Chris Burkett. "Tim's ability is equal to any of those guys who have achieved success here at Jackson State. And with his confidence and daring, he'll make a super wide receiver in the NFL."

Barnett brings more than just talent to



NFL scouts see Jackson State's Tim Barnett as a potential big-play wide receiver with the same basic skills as another SWAC product — Jerry Rice.

the football field. He has a dynamic personality and his juiced-up nature electrifies those around him.

"If I wasn't strong in personality," Gorden said, "he'd probably have taken my job as coach by now."

Barnett understands that he has a job to do on the football field, but that doesn't mean he can't have fun doing it.

"It's work, and it's serious work, but I like to keep everyone around me relaxed," he said. "Sometimes you need something to break the tension."

Tension is something that Jackson State players have come to know all too well. In each of the last three years, Tiger players have had to cope with tragic automobile accidents that have claimed the lives of five teammates. Three died in an accident a week before the 1990 NFL draft.

"It was a very emotional time for us," Barnett said. "We've lost one player at a time before, but never up to three at one time. Until some of the counselors talked to us, we were all having a difficult time with it. But now, I think the guys on the team are beginning to understand death better, and they are working harder for the three guys who are gone."

Because of the tragedy, Gorden canceled the last five days of spring practice and Jackson State's Blue and White game.

"I think he did the right thing," Barnett said. "I don't think the guys would have had their full concentration anyway, and we would have accomplished very little."

"We've all done a good job of putting

the grief behind us now, but it was almost to the point where we started asking ourselves, 'Am I going to be next?' It made us all very reluctant to even go somewhere in a car."

The death of sophomore defensive back Charles Ford, one of the three players in the car, hit Barnett the hardest.

"In one-on-one drills every day, he was my challenge man," Barnett explained. "He was the guy I went one-on-one with. We learned a lot from being around each other. His locker was just two lockers down from mine, and we used to talk before practice about the game and about how to play certain techniques and so on. We had become very close."

It was a relationship that paralleled Barnett's experience with Tillman when the latter was the veteran and Barnett was a raw talent.

"I came here out of high school (Rosedale, Miss.) with a 2.0 grade-point average, and I redshirted," Barnett said. "But right after high school, I didn't know for sure what I wanted to do. When I got to visit Jackson State, I saw that they stress academics. Tillman and those guys put academics first and then football second."

"Once I realized I wanted to play football at Jackson State, I knew I had to hit the books to make it happen."

Gorden recalled the time when Barnett was hardly motivated to study.

"Tillman came in an outstanding high school student, but Tim has had to develop into a student/athlete," Gorden said. "He is a 'prodigal son' story of sorts. He was not lost, but he was floundering with his academics."

Barnett came around, however, and now is on schedule to earn his criminal justice degree in December. If a professional career does not work out, Barnett will make law enforcement his career and possibly wage his own war against drugs.

"Tim was not surrounded by the drug problem as a young boy growing up in a small town, but that's how it is today," Gorden said. "I saw in the paper the other day that the L.A. gangs are setting up camp in Mississippi, and it's this type of thing that really bothers Tim and motivates him to speak out about drugs."

Barnett knows, of course, that he could make a bigger impact as a pro football player speaking out about the perils of drug use. And he would like to follow the same path to success that Rice has taken with the San Francisco 49ers.

Such success would not surprise Gorden. "He (Barnett) may have more versatility than any receiver to come out of this league," the coach said. "With his speed, he can run by defensive backs and win games for you, and he is physical enough to run inside."

"He has the mentality where he likes to challenge the defensive players, even the linebackers, and he's not afraid to catch the ball over the middle. I think he's going to be a great NFL wide receiver." ■

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. GRAMBLING STATE

The defending champion Tigers are deep, talented and capable of contending for the national title.

2. ALCORN STATE

The Braves' offensive attack will be stunning, but both lines are question marks.

3. JACKSON STATE

Quarterback Shawn Gregory to receiver Tim Barnett is Division I-AA's most lethal combination.

4. SOUTHERN

The Jaguars' defense is solid, but unless the offense catches up, a winning season is unlikely.

5. ALABAMA STATE

The Hornets could surprise some teams. There's ample talent to pose a threat.

6. TEXAS SOUTHERN

Despite the presence of linebacker Kevin Harris, another long season is in store for the Tigers.

7. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

Larry Dorsey will be a good coach, but it'll take time to rebuild the 1-10 team he inherited.

8. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

The Panthers lost nine games last year, and only two were close. It could be worse this year.

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-SWAC TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR	TIM BARNETT	Jackson State
WR	TORRANCE SMALL	Alcorn State
TE	FRANKLIN THOMAS	Grambling State
T	HERMAN ARVIE	Grambling State
T	RAYMOND SMITH	Grambling State
C	PAT JOHNSON	Alabama State
G	DION COOPER	Mississippi Valley State
G	DIETRICH LOCKRIDGE	Jackson State
QB	SHAWN GREGORY	Jackson State
RB	JAKE REED	Grambling State
FB	WALTER DEAN	Grambling State

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL	HENRY BLADES	Grambling State
DL	ERIC ELZY	Jackson State
DL	ROBERT PINCKNEY	Grambling State
DL	JOHNNY SIMS	Mississippi Valley State
LB	THOMAS GRIFFIN	Grambling State
LB	DARREN HARDY	Alabama State
LB	KEVIN HARRIS	Texas Southern
LB	EDDIE ROBINSON	Alabama State
DB	THOMAS CATCHINGS	Alabama State
DB	DOUGLAS CRAFT	Southern
DB	IVAN GERALDS	Grambling State
DB	CHARLES WILLIAMS	Grambling State

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK	IKE AYOZIE	Jackson State
P	FRED McRAE	Jackson State

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Walter Dean
Grambling State FB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Kevin Harris
Texas Southern LB

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC TEAM CHARTS

ALABAMA STATE

Coach: Houston Markham (20-11-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 5-5-1. SWAC: 2-4-1/6th.

Key players: Horace Brooks, WR; Reggie Brown, WR; Thomas Catchings, DB; Kevin Fields, LB; Darren Hardy, LB; Ricky Jones, QB; Pat Johnson, C; Anthony Lewis, RB; Emmanuel Martin, DB; Charles Northern, DE; Eddie Robinson, LB; Anthony Shambarger, LB; Shannon Sudbury, DL.

Schedule: At Samford, Sept. 1; at Southern, Sept. 8; at Alcorn State, Sept. 15; Texas Southern, Sept. 22; Florida A&M (at Mobile, Ala.), Sept. 29; Jackson State, Oct. 6; at Prairie View A&M, Oct. 20; Alabama A&M, Oct. 27; at Grambling State, Nov. 3; Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 10; Tuskegee Institute, Nov. 22.

Nickname: Hornets.

Site: Montgomery, Ala.

ALCORN STATE

Coach: Theo Danzy (24-15, 4 years; 42-44-3 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 7-3. SWAC: 5-2/T2nd.

Key players: David Abbott, DT; Keiver Campbell, DB; Darnell Carroll, DB; Jerome Cleveland, TB; Fernando Evans, WR; Kelvin Greenwood, K; Lynn Lang, OT; Willie McGowan Jr., G; Fred McNair, QB; Eddie Robinson, OT; Howard Robinson, DB; Torrance Small, WR; Cedric Tillman, WR.

Schedule: At Grambling State, Sept. 1; Alabama State, Sept. 15; at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sept. 22; Texas Southern, Oct. 6; Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 13; Southern, Oct. 20; at Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 3; at Prairie View A&M, Nov. 10; at Jackson State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Braves.

Site: Lorman, Miss.

GRAMBLING STATE

Coach: Eddie Robinson (358-125-15, 47 years).

1989 record: 9-3 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs).

SWAC: 7-0/1st.

Key players: Herman Arvie, OT; Henry Blades, DE; Shawn Burras, QB; Walter Dean, FB; Ivan Gerald, S; Andrew Glover, SE; Steven Grant, SE; Thomas Griffin, LB; Robert Pinckney, DT; Jake Reed, RB/WB; Raymond Smith, OT; Franklin Thomas, TE; Charles Williams, S.

Schedule: Alcorn State (at Shreveport, La.), Sept. 1; Tennessee State, Sept. 15; Hampton (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Sept. 22; at Prairie View A&M, Sept. 29; Alabama A&M (at Indianapolis), Oct. 6; Mississippi Valley State (at Birmingham, Ala.), Oct. 13; Jackson State, Oct. 20; at Texas Southern, Oct. 27; Alabama State, Nov. 3; at South Carolina State, Nov. 10; Southern (at New Orleans), Nov. 24.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Grambling, La.

JACKSON STATE

Coach: W.C. Gorden (106-39-5, 14 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs).

SWAC: 5-2/2nd.

Key players: Ike Ayozie, K; Tim Barnett, SE; Patrick Busby, LB; Barry Dixon, RB; Eric Elzy, DL; Chris Gale, DL; Shawn Gregory, QB; Jimmy Hall, FB; Harold Heath, TE; Dietrich Lockridge, OL; Fred McRae, P; Alex Robinson, RB; Jimmy Smith, FL; Derrick Young, LB.

Schedule: Delaware State, Sept. 1; at Tennessee State, Sept. 8; Prairie View A&M, Sept. 15; Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 22; at Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 29; at Alabama State, Oct. 6; at Southern, Oct. 13; at Grambling State, Oct. 20; Texas Southern, Nov. 3; Northwestern State, Nov. 10; Alcorn State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Jackson, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

Coach: Larry Dorsey (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 1-10. SWAC: 0-7/8th.

Key players: Randy Ball, RB; David Carpenter, DT; Dion Cooper, G; Jerral Horner, WR; Jay Hughey, OT; Ronald Humphrey, RB; Audra Lambert, FB; Everett Nicholas, DB; Johnny Sims, DT; Eric Snowden, DE; J.R. Stewart, QB; James Williams, DB; David Woulard, LB.

Schedule: Central Arkansas, Sept. 1; Arkansas-Pine Bluff (at Jackson, Miss.), Sept. 8; at Florida A&M, Sept. 15; at Jackson State, Sept. 22; at Southern, Sept. 29; Grambling State, Oct. 13; at Texas Southern, Oct. 20; Prairie View A&M, Oct. 27; Alcorn State, Nov. 3; at Alabama State, Nov. 10; at Tennessee State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Delta Devils.

Site: Itta Bena, Miss.

PRairie View A&M

Coach: To be announced.

1989 record: 1-9. SWAC: 1-6/7th.

Key players: Joe Carter, OL; Cornelius Conley, NT; Tracy Crawford, WR; Marcus Forney, OL; Kenny Johnson, DL; Tony Johnson, WR; Shawn Lawson, DB; Michael McDade, QB; George Payne, OL; Kevin Phillips, QB; Allen Richardson, DB; Harold Tucker, S; Tony Woods, LB.

Schedule: At Texas Southern, Sept. 1; at Jackson State, Sept. 15; at Southern, Sept. 22; Grambling State, Sept. 29; Arkansas-Pine Bluff (at College Station, Tex.), Oct. 6; Alabama State, Oct. 20; at Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 27; Langston, Nov. 3; Alcorn State (at Tyler, Tex.), Nov. 10.

Nickname: Panthers.

Site: Prairie View, Tex.

SOUTHERN

Coach: Gerald Kimble (6-4-1, 1 year).

1989 record: 6-4-1. SWAC: 4-3/4th.

Key players: Kelvin Coney, DL; Douglas Craft, DB; Kirk Davenport, RB; Nathaniel Harrison, QB; Cornell Hatcher, LB; Barry Kimbrough, TB; Milow Kleinpeter, K; Thomas McLemore, TE; Harvey Olson, OL; Devin Rogers, OL; Anthony Snell, LB; Brian Thomas, WR; George Tucker, LB; Aeneas Williams, DB; Tim Williams, DB.

Schedule: Howard (at Los Angeles), Sept. 1; Alabama State, Sept. 8; at Texas Southern, Sept. 15; Prairie View A&M, Sept. 22; Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 29; Jackson State, Oct. 13; at Alcorn State, Oct. 20; Florida A&M, Nov. 3; at Tennessee State, Nov. 10; at Nicholls State, Nov. 17; Grambling State (at New Orleans), Nov. 24.

Nickname: Jaguars.

Site: Baton Rouge, La.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

Coach: Walter Highsmith (3-7-1, 1 year).

1989 record: 3-7-1. SWAC: 3-3-1/5th.

Key players: Sheldon Allen, OL; Brian Brewer, DE; Donald Espinoza, G; Melvin Evans, OL; Kevin Harris, LB; Tim Jackson, RB; Corey Johnson, LB; Maurice Johnson, DE; Donovan Miller, OT; Will Moore, SE; Curtis Neill, TE; Gilbert Ramirez, WR; James Robinson, OT; Ronnie Toliver, QB; Brian Wiggins, WR.

Schedule: Prairie View A&M, Sept. 1; at Sam Houston State, Sept. 8; Southern, Sept. 15; at Alabama State, Sept. 22; at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sept. 29; at Alcorn State, Oct. 6; at Southwest Texas State, Oct. 13; Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 20; Grambling State, Oct. 27; at Jackson State, Nov. 3; at Central Florida, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Houston.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 102 pts.).

Punting: Fred McRae, Jackson State, 41.2 avg. (53 punts, 2,186 yds.).

Punt returns: Percy Clay, Jackson State, 8.9 avg. (22 att., 195 yds., 0 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Brian Thomas, Southern, 16.8 avg. (16 att., 269 yds., 0 TDs).

Field goals: Ike Ayozie, Jackson State, .82 FG.pg (9/14 FGs, 64.3%).

Interceptions: Aeneas Williams, Southern, .64 int.pg (7 int., 109 yds., 1 TD).

With Buck gone, Smith is now the Maine man

By PHIL CHARDIS
Manchester Journal Inquirer

The good news for Carl Smith is that the Maine Black Bears' talented tailback is finally getting out from under the huge shadow of quarterback Mike Buck.

The bad news for Smith is that life probably was considerably easier while the much-acclaimed Buck was around. Indeed, in recent years, opponents preparing to face Maine's high-powered offense had to be concerned first and foremost with Buck, who passed for nearly 9,000 yards in his collegiate career. The constant threat of the big pass play seemed to make Smith's presence almost an afterthought.

Almost.

Buck's final season in a Maine uniform was one to remember, no doubt about that. He wound up as the third-ranked passer in NCAA Division I-AA last year—he fired 19 touchdown passes and yielded only three interceptions—and led the Black Bears into the I-AA playoffs. Furthermore, his pro-football draft stock rose immeasurably.

Smith hardly took a back seat. He rushed for 1,680 yards and scored 20 touchdowns, with both figures ranking No. 1 in I-AA. Without Buck behind center this year, though, matching last season's numbers will be a formidable task. While Smith is certain to carry more of the offensive load for Maine, guess who also will be the defense's No. 1 target. Talk about a double-edged sword.

Smith, however, is ready for the challenge as he readies himself for his junior year.

"I guess I'll have a lot more responsibility on my shoulders," Smith said. "Teams are going to be out to kill me. I think I'll have a lot more to prove."

That's nothing new for Smith, who has had to prove himself in one fashion or another throughout his career. On the field, it was because of his smallish 5-foot-10, 185-pound frame, which seemed to be prone to injuries. Off the field, it was because of his grades, which also seemed to lack stature.

"I had trouble with my SATs and a lot of schools shied away," said Smith, who is majoring in accounting. "But Maine remained interested in me all the way."

"We felt strongly enough about Carl to hold a scholarship for him until he got the 700 (in the Scholastic Aptitude Test)," explained Jack Cosgrove, Maine's offensive coordinator. "We thought he was a serious, academically oriented kid. It's worked out well. He's almost a model student in his approach to the classroom. He does whatever he's asked."

Nevertheless, the Black Bears must have wondered if they would ever get the most out of Smith's football talent. He was plagued by injuries during his high school days in Riverhead, N.Y., and was redshirted in his first year at Maine mainly be-



Matching last season's numbers — 1,680 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns, both tops in Division I-AA — will be a formidable task for Maine tailback Carl Smith.

cause of a deep thigh bruise that wouldn't heal. Finally, by the fall of 1988, Smith was ready to go.

And go he did.

Smith gained 206 yards in his first collegiate game, against Massachusetts, but then suffered an ankle injury and missed the next two games. At year's end, he still had managed to compile a team-leading 705 yards rushing, plus catch 12 passes for 225 yards and score six touchdowns.

"I think I tried to prove a lot that year — too much," said Smith, whose health problems are compounded by an asthmatic condition. "I wanted to score on every run, instead of playing within myself."

Smith caught a break in 1989 when pass-oriented Coach Tim Murphy moved to Cincinnati and Tom Lichtenberg took over at Maine.

"We changed our offensive philosophy from leaning toward pass to leaning toward run," Cosgrove said. "We had more of a ball-control team. We tried to do some things to feature Carl. We thought we had a great tailback and a quarter-

back, who could score from anywhere on the field. Teams had to play to either stop Mike or stop Carl. We had a nice situation."

With Buck's reputation well-established in the Yankee Conference, Maine's opponents were vulnerable to the run and Smith's sprinter speed (4.38 seconds over 40 yards). Before the '89 season, Smith had written a rushing goal—1,650 yards—on the towel he tucks into his belt. He exceeded that figure by 30 yards as the Black Bears went 9-2 in the regular season and captured the Yankee championship.

Smith rushed for averages of 5.5 yards per carry and 152.7 yards per game. In Maine's 38-35 loss to Southwest Missouri State in the I-AA playoffs, he netted 205 yards on the ground and ran for two TDs.

"I never thought I'd contribute as much as I did," Smith said. "I thought we'd feature Mike a lot more. But as it worked out, we had a pretty good 1-2 punch."

Although half of Maine's punch will be missing in 1990, Smith has set his goals even higher. This year, Smith's towel will read "2,000."

"The team talked about it, especially the offensive line," he said, "and that's the goal we wanted to set for ourselves."

The number seems well within Smith's grasp, particularly since the tailback spent considerable off-season time in the weight room in an effort to build strength that would complement his speed.

While the Black Bears would like Smith to improve his inside running, it won't be at the expense of his breakaway speed.

"Carl's speed is his most outstanding trait," Cosgrove explained. "At the I-AA level, he can outrun almost everybody in the secondary. Once we get him there, if it's a footrace, he'll win nine of 10."

"But we know with a new quarterback, teams will now say, 'We've got to stop Carl Smith.' We may be seeing some eight-man fronts."

Not only will Maine have a new quarterback, but the Black Bears also will introduce a new coach. Lichtenberg has moved to Ohio University and Kirk Ferentz has become the Black Bears' third head coach in four years.

Smith isn't focusing on the change in coaches. Nor, with two years of collegiate eligibility remaining, is he thinking ahead to a possible career in pro football. Instead, his top priorities are getting Maine back into postseason play and defending his I-AA rushing title.

Cosgrove sees the potential for Smith to attain his goals.

"He's not what you'd call a physical contact-type of runner," the assistant coach said, "but now we've even started to see some of that. He's a great competitor on the field . . . he's willing to work to improve his weaknesses and sharpen his strengths."

As a result, Maine's Carl Smith just might be primed to cast a huge shadow of his own in 1990. ■

TSN's PREDICTIONS

1. CONNECTICUT

This should be the year the always-close Huskies finally make the Division I-AA playoffs.

2. DELAWARE

A solid, experienced defense and offensive skill-position talent bode well for the Blue Hens.

3. MASSACHUSETTS

The Minutemen should play more consistently with the emergence of quarterback Gary Wilkos.

4. NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Wildcats' defense must lead the way because the lack of offensive weapons is obvious.

5. VILLANOVA

The Wildcats figure to slip a couple of notches after making the I-AA playoffs a year ago.

6. BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Quarterback Stan Greene to receiver Daren Altieri is the East's best passing duo.

7. MAINE

The Black Bears' fourth coaching change in six years makes them a question mark.

8. RICHMOND

The Spiders, winless in league play a year ago, are in for another long season.

9. RHODE ISLAND

The Rams will battle Richmond to avoid the Yankee cellar. They lack talent and experience.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-YANKEE TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR DAREN ALTIERI, Boston University
WR MARK DIDIO, Connecticut
TE MATT SWINSON, Maine
T TOM BOCKIUS, Delaware
T ANTHONY GIUDICE, Massachusetts
C AL POGARIAN, Massachusetts
G ROB NOBLE, Maine
G MARK SCHNEIBLE, New Hampshire
QB MATT DEGENNARO, Connecticut
RB CARL SMITH, Maine
RB KEVIN WESLEY, Connecticut

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL TODD ELLER, Delaware
DL MIKE HRANICKA, Delaware
DL MIKE REMBISH, Connecticut
DL DOUG RUGGLES, New Hampshire
LB CURTIS ELLER, Villanova
LB CHRIS MCGRATH, New Hampshire
LB MARIO PERRY, Massachusetts
LB MATT TULLEY, Massachusetts
DB RUSTY NEAL, Connecticut
DB CLAUDE PETTAWAY, Maine
DB KEVIN SMITH, Rhode Island
DB JAMAAL WILLIAMSON, Maine

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK TOM WITHKA, Villanova
P SEAN FAY, Connecticut

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Carl Smith
Maine RB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Kevin Smith
Rhode Island DB

YANKEE TEAM CHARTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach: Dan Allen (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 4-7. Yankee: 4-4/6th.

Key players: Daren Altieri, WR; Dave Deguglielmo, C; Phil Driscoll, DB; Jason Goldberg, OT; Stan Greene, QB; Jay Hillman, RB; Matt LaPolice, P; Ken Larson, LB; Brett MacNeil, OT; Mike Overton, DB; Robert Talley, CB; Harold Thomas, DT; Jerome Tomlin, DB.

Schedule: Colgate, Sept. 1; at Delaware, Sept. 8; West Chester (Pa.), Sept. 15; at Boise State, Sept. 22; at Massachusetts, Sept. 29; Richmond, Oct. 13; at Rhode Island, Oct. 20; New Hampshire, Oct. 27; at Maine, Nov. 3; Connecticut, Nov. 10; Villanova, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Terriers.

Site: Boston.

CONNECTICUT

Coach: Tom Jackson (42-33, 7 years).

1989 record: 8-3. Yankee: 6-2/T1st.

Key players: Robert Clarke, CB; David Daignault, G; Matt DeGennaro, QB; Mark Didio, SE; Sean Fay, P; Doug Harkins, LB; Lyndon Johnson, G; Brian Kozlowski, OT; Rob Moons, K; Rusty Neal, CB; Mike Rembish, DL; Linwood Vereen, S; Kevin Wesley, TB.

Schedule: New Hampshire, Sept. 8; at North Carolina, Sept. 15; at William & Mary, Sept. 22; at Yale, Sept. 29; Villanova, Oct. 6; at Massachusetts, Oct. 13; Maine, Oct. 20; Richmond, Oct. 27; at Delaware, Nov. 3; at Boston University, Nov. 10; Rhode Island, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Huskies.

Site: Storrs, Conn.

DELAWARE

Coach: Tubby Raymond (196-78-2, 24 years).

1989 record: 7-4. Yankee: 5-3/T4th.

Key players: Tom Bockius, OT; Daryl Brantley, FB; Robin Callender, CB; Todd Eller, LB; Darren Ferrell, SE; Ed Helenski, TE; Mark Hite, LB; Mike Hranicka, DT; Tim Irvine, LB; Jay Mirabelli, S; John Pearce, DT; Marc Sydnor, CB; Bill Vergantino, QB; Rob Wolford, LB.

Schedule: Boston University, Sept. 8; at New Hampshire, Sept. 15; West Chester (Pa.), Sept. 22; Rhode Island, Sept. 29; William & Mary, Oct. 6; at Villanova, Oct. 13; Massachusetts, Oct. 20; at Maine, Oct. 27; Connecticut, Nov. 3; at Richmond, Nov. 10; at Navy, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Fightin' Blue Hens.

Site: Newark, Del.

MAINE

Coach: Kirk Ferentz (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 9-3 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Yankee: 6-2/T1st.

Key players: Russ Constantino, DT; Billy Curry, DB; Mark Dube, LB; Mark Dupree, SE; Jeff Knox, WR; Rob Noble, G; Claude Pettaway, S; Tom Rogers, G; Ben Sirmans, FB; Carl Smith, TB; Mike Smith, LB; Matt Swinson, TE; Craig Thibeau, LB; Jamaal Williamson, S.

Schedule: At Villanova, Sept. 8; at Massachusetts, Sept. 15; New Hampshire, Sept. 22; at Richmond, Sept. 29; at Hawaii, Oct. 6; Rhode Island, Oct. 13; at Connecticut, Oct. 20; Delaware, Oct. 27; Boston University, Nov. 3; Northeastern, Nov. 10; at Youngstown State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Black Bears.

Site: Orono, Me.

MASSACHUSETTS

Coach: Jim Reid (24-20-1, 4 years).

1989 record: 5-5-1. Yankee: 3-5/7th.

Key players: Ron Blauvelt, WR; Jerome Bledsoe, TB; Don Caparotti, CB; Pat Doran, S; Anthony Giudice, G; David Mitchell, FB; Lamar Newsome, SE; Mario Perry, LB; Al Pogarian, C; Chris Tenkin, LB; Mike Tobin, FL;

Matt Tolley, LB; Gary Wilkos, QB; Vaughn Williams, S.

Schedule: At Holy Cross, Sept. 8; Maine, Sept. 15; Boston University, Sept. 29; at Rhode Island, Oct. 6; Connecticut, Oct. 13; at Delaware, Oct. 20; Northeastern, Oct. 27; at Richmond, Nov. 3; Villanova, Nov. 10; at New Hampshire, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Minutemen.

Site: Amherst, Mass.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coach: Bill Bowes (115-65-3, 18 years).

1989 record: 7-3. Yankee: 5-3/T4th.

Key players: Barry Bourassa, TB; Kyle Cripps, TB; Mike Gallagher, FB; David Gamble, WR; Dwayne Gordon, DE; Duane Grade, LB; Ryan Jones, DB; Chris McGrath, LB; Bill Moore, C; John Perry, WR; T.J. Reap, LB; Doug Ruggles, DT; Dwayne Sabb, DE; Mark Schneible, G.

Schedule: At Connecticut, Sept. 8; Delaware, Sept. 15; at Maine, Sept. 22; Dartmouth, Sept. 29; at Richmond, Oct. 6; at Colgate, Oct. 13; Northeastern, Oct. 20; at Boston University, Oct. 27; Villanova, Nov. 3; at Rhode Island, Nov. 10; Massachusetts, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Durham, N.H.

RHODE ISLAND

Coach: Bob Griffin (67-86-1, 14 years; 88-106-1 overall, 18 years).

1989 record: 3-8. Yankee: 1-7/8th.

Key players: Chris Cassara, K-P; Todd Coviello, LB; Rich Heffernan, NG; Scott Kent, TE; John Klumbach, OT; Tony Lowe, FB; Kevin Neville, QB; John Newson, TB; Ron Piccioli, LB; Chris Pierce, FL; Mike Rogers, WR; Monty Scott, CB; Kevin Smith, CB; Gary Tourney, S.

Schedule: Towson State, Sept. 8; Richmond, Sept. 15; Brown, Sept. 22; at Delaware, Sept. 29; Massachusetts, Oct. 6; at Maine, Oct. 13; Boston University, Oct. 20; at Villanova, Oct. 27; at Northeastern, Nov. 3; New Hampshire, Nov. 10; at Connecticut, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Rams.

Site: Kingston, R.I.

RICHMOND

Coach: Jim Marshall (1-10, 1 year).

1989 record: 1-10. Yankee: 0-8/9th.

Key players: Brandon Bonser, NG; Rob Courter, K; Michael Davis, DT; Eric Hopkins, TB; Curtis Jefferson, FL; Eric Johnson, LB; Dritte Kanto, C; Scott Mahone, FB; Mark Mascheck, QB; Tracey Parker, DE; James Smith, S; Terry Warren, S; Tom White, OT.

Schedule: At Navy, Sept. 8; at Rhode Island, Sept. 15; James Madison, Sept. 22; Maine, Sept. 29; New Hampshire, Oct. 6; at Boston University, Oct. 13; at Villanova, Oct. 19; at Connecticut, Oct. 27; Massachusetts, Nov. 3; Delaware, Nov. 10; William & Mary, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Spiders.

Site: Richmond, Va.

VILLANOVA

Coach: Andy Talley (32-14-1, 5 years; 60-32-2 overall, 10 years).

1989 record: 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs).

Yankee: 6-2/T1st.

Key players: Scott Donald, TE; Greg Downs, FL; Curtis Eller, LB; Damon Green, LB; Harold Hart, FL; Perry Hodges, QB-P; Jeff Johnson, FB; Pat Kennedy, TB; Chuck Murray, S; Willie Oshodin, DT; Michael Possenti, OT; Rich Sernyak, LB; Tim Tarpey, C; Tom Withka, K.

Schedule: Maine, Sept. 7; at William & Mary, Sept. 15; at Navy, Sept. 22; Liberty, Sept. 29; at Connecticut, Oct. 6; Delaware, Oct. 13; Richmond, Oct. 19; Rhode Island, Oct. 27; at New Hampshire, Nov. 3; at Massachusetts, Nov. 10; at Boston University, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Wildcats.

Site: Villanova, Pa.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Scoring: Carl Smith, Maine, 10.9 pts.pg (20 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 120 pts.).

Punting: Sean Fay, Connecticut, 39.6 avg. (50 punts, 1,981 yds.).

Kickoff returns: Chris Pierce, Rhode Island, 25.9 avg. (19 att., 492 yds., 1 TD).

Field goals: Mike Brown, Boston University, .89 FG.pg (8/12 FGs, 66.7%).

Interceptions: Ryan Jones, New Hampshire, .78 int.pg (7 int., 33 yds., 0 TDs).

Samford is upwardly mobile behind up-and-coming Bowden

By KEVIN SCARBINSKY
Birmingham News

There may be times when Terry Bowden does not move at fast-forward speed. Maybe he sleeps peacefully. Perhaps he takes a day off in May.

Fat chance. When he sleeps, Bowden is more likely diagramming a triple-reverse or dreaming of the day his Samford football team lines up against the Crimson Tide. This is one small-college coach who is always thinking big and never out of season.

"My goal is to do everything like Alabama and Auburn," he said. "I'm not in the mood for waiting."

When Samford, a 4,000-student Baptist college in the Birmingham, Ala., suburbs, resurrected its football program in 1984 after a 10-year absence, the school returned at the non-scholarship Division III level. It lost its first game back, 82-9, to Salem College, a small West Virginia school coached by none other than Terry Bowden, son of one Florida State coach named Bobby.

The Bowden/Samford connection already stretched back to the early 1950s, when the school was known as Howard College and the star quarterback was hometown hero Bobby, who later compiled a 31-6 record as Howard's coach from 1959 through 1962.

By the end of the 1986 season, Kim Alsop was out as Samford's coach after winning six games in three years. Thomas Corts was in as university president with a plan to upgrade the athletic program. When Terry Bowden stopped in Birmingham on his way to George Henshaw's Tulsa staff, Corts asked him about a few names who might take Samford to a higher level.

Bowden had just spent a year as Gerry Faust's quarterbacks coach at Akron after twice taking Salem to the NAIA playoffs. The longer he talked with Corts, the more Corts liked what he heard. He offered the Samford coaching job to Bowden, who accepted against the advice of his family.

What the ambitious 31-year-old found tempered even his contagious enthusiasm.

"We were a million miles away, a million miles," he said. "Here we were in the worst part of the country for Division III football with the worst team in Division III football."

In Bowden's first year, however, Samford finished 9-1 and set single-season Division III records for total offense and

scoring. But that was a quick fix engineered with key transfers from Bowden's former Salem team.

The following season, in 1988, Samford made the jump from Division III to Division I-AA. Most coaches expect to struggle after such a move to scholarship football. Bowden expected it but wouldn't accept it, and Samford finished 5-6.

Last season, stunned by the midseason death of a teammate, the Bulldogs slipped to 4-7.

"Terry is a person driven to succeed," said defensive coordinator Jack Hines. "He's got that desire to make something happen. The Bowden name—everybody knows good ol' Bobby Bowden. They don't know what a tiger he is, just like they don't know what a tiger Terry is."

The Samford staff is a definite family affair. Younger brother Jeff Bowden is Terry's offensive coordinator and assistant head coach. Hines is married to Terry's sister, Robin.

That family nucleus is working to take Samford into what Terry calls "uncharted waters." Alabama State in Montgomery is the only other I-AA program in the state, and Bowden wants to be "not just Birmingham's team but Alabama's team."

He already has talked to Pat Dye about a future game with Auburn, and new Alabama Coach Gene Stallings is a close friend of his father's. Hines believes

if Bowden stays at Samford 10 years, "we might become another Duke or Vanderbilt."

"Can we move up to Division I-A?" Bowden wondered. "Give me enough money and we can do it. But the price gets too big to pay after a while. I'm not going to stick my career goals on Samford University."

His career goal is to follow his father ("my idol") into the big time using the same jet-set offensive philosophy. For now, he wants to turn Samford into a winner first and a playoff team second, a lofty goal for a team that signed just its third recruiting class and finally fielded enough players to hold a traditional spring game.

Corts called Samford "an ideal setting for Terry Bowden." The two have pioneered a new press box, a coach's TV show, a radio network and billboards around town promoting the team. If all goes as planned, Samford soon will be able to compete with I-AA power Georgia Southern, which waxed the Bulldogs, 52-7, last year.

And soon after that, Terry Bowden figures to be coaching in Division I-A. Maybe, even at Samford. ■



Samford's Terry Bowden

TSN'S PREDICTIONS

1. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

The Eagles have dominated Division I-AA the way the Packers and Steelers ruled the NFL.

2. WILLIAM & MARY

Jimmy Laycock's Indians are well equipped to make another run at the national crown.

3. CENTRAL FLORIDA

The Knights, fresh up from Division II, will have an immediate impact on Division I-AA.

4. ARKANSAS STATE

The Indians, now preparing for entry into Division I-A, are ineligible for the I-AA playoffs.

5. JAMES MADISON

The Dukes are in a rebuilding year. Their defense will determine their success.

6. NICHOLLS STATE

A tough schedule is the main obstacle the Colonels face. They're not short on talent.

7. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

The Penguins' offensive backfield is arguably the division's best, but they're thin overall.

8. SAMFORD

Terry Bowden has assembled a team that will be the Bulldogs' most competitive in years.

9. LIBERTY

The Flames won seven games in Sam Rutigliano's first year, but their goals are set higher.

10. WESTERN KENTUCKY

A rugged schedule again will keep the Hilltoppers around the break-even point.

11. TOWSON STATE

After tumbling to their third-worst record ever, the Tigers don't look much better in 1990.

12. NORTHEASTERN

A lack of speed at the skill positions will make it hard to improve on a 3-7 mark.

TSN's PRESEASON ALL-INDEP. TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR SEAN BECKTON, Central Florida
WR JOHN BROWN, Nicholls State
TE MILTON BIGGINS, Western Kentucky
G REGGIE WHITE, William & Mary
G BILL YAHN, Towson State
C KEITH HATCHER, Liberty
T D.R. CARLSON, James Madison
T CHANDLER WALLACE, Western Kentucky
QB LEONARD VALENTINE, Nicholls State
RB JOE ROSS, Georgia Southern
RB DON SMITH, Western Kentucky

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL RAJI GORDON, Western Kentucky
DL JERMEL HARRIS, James Madison
DL LYNN ROWLAND, Arkansas State
DL GIFF SMITH, Georgia Southern
LB LARRY SALAZAR, Central Florida
LB BOBBY SPITULSKI, Central Florida
LB JOHNNY WOODS, Liberty
LB SHANNON VISSMAN, James Madison
DB EDDIE GODFREY, Western Kentucky
DB EUPTON JACKSON, James Madison
DB RODNEY OGLESBY, Georgia Southern
DB DAVID PRIMUS, Samford

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK MIKE DOWIS, Georgia Southern
P SCOTT TODD, James Madison

INDEPENDENT TEAM CHARTS

ARKANSAS STATE

Coach: Al Kincaid (first year at Arkansas State; 29-29 overall, 5 years).

1989 record: 5-6.

Key players: Derek Dean, C; Jeff Fields, DT; Al Johnson, CB; Roy Johnson, QB; Chester Jordan, G; Lawrence Mays, DE; John Moellers, LB; Chuck Monk, RB; Lynn Rowland, DE; Carlos Sharp, S; Alex Shell, WR; Derrick Toney, S; Eric Walker, G; Phillip Wells, CB; Anthony Williams, DT.

Schedule: At Memphis State, Sept. 1; Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 8; at Wyoming, Sept. 15; at Louisiana Tech, Sept. 22; at Southern Illinois, Sept. 29; Northwestern State, Oct. 6; Northern Illinois, Oct. 13; at Mississippi, Oct. 20; at North Texas, Nov. 3; Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 10; at Toledo, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Indians.

Site: Jonesboro, Ark.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Coach: Gene McDowell (32-24, 5 years).

1989 record: 7-3.

Key players: Sean Beckton, WR; Andrew Bishop, G; Eric Buckley, S; Mike Dickinson, WR; Willie English, FB; Mark Giaccone, LB; James Gore, DB; Shawn Jefferson, WR; Rudy Jones, QB; Robert Lindsey, DT; Craig Marsden, C; Jimmie Roberts, CB; Larry Salazar, LB; Bobby Spulski, LB; Bill Stewart, LB.

Schedule: Troy State, Sept. 1; at Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 8; at Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 15; at Memphis State, Sept. 22; Kentucky State, Sept. 29; at Samford, Oct. 6; Georgia Southern, Oct. 20; Southern Illinois, Oct. 27; Liberty, Nov. 3; Slippery Rock (Pa.), Nov. 10; Texas Southern, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Knights.

Site: Orlando, Fla.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Coach: Tim Stowers (first year as head coach).

1989 record: 15-0 (including 4-0 in I-AA playoffs).

Key players: Michael Berry, LB; Tim Brown, DT; Mike Dowls, K; Raymond Gross, QB; Darryl Hopkins, RB; Karl Miller, RB; Rex Nottage, OT; Rodney Oglesby, DB; Joe Ross, RB; Giff Smith, DE; Terrence Sorrell, WR; Mike West, LB; Kevin Whitley, CB; John Wilson, OT.

Schedule: Valdosta State, Sept. 1; at Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 8; at Florida State, Sept. 15; Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 22; Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 29; at Marshall, Oct. 6; at Central Florida, Oct. 20; Savannah State, Oct. 27; James Madison, Nov. 3; at UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 10; Samford, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Eagles.

Site: Statesboro, Ga.

JAMES MADISON

Coach: Joe Purzycki (29-24-2, 5 years; 50-45-3 overall, 9 years).

1989 record: 5-4-1.

Key players: Mike Campbell, HB; D.R. Carlson, OT; Antonio Cupit, LB; Tom Green, QB; Richard Grevious, S; Jermel Harris, DT; Dwayne Hayes, SE; Eupton Jackson, S; Willie Lanier, FB; Brian Rees, OT; Chris Schellhamer, C; Leon Taylor, HB; Scott Todd, P; Shannon Vissman, LB; Eric Williams, QB.

Schedule: Liberty, Sept. 8; at Virginia Military, Sept. 15; at Richmond, Sept. 22; Newberry (S.C.), Sept. 29; Northeastern, Oct. 6; at Towson State, Oct. 13; Youngstown State, Oct. 20; at Navy, Oct. 27; at Georgia Southern, Nov. 3; William & Mary, Nov. 10; Appalachian State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Dukes.

Site: Harrisonburg, Va.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Joe Ross
Georgia Southern RB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

Giff Smith
Georgia Southern DL

LIBERTY

Coach: Sam Rutigliano (7-3, 1 year).

1989 record: 7-3.

Key players: Bryant Bowden, G; Eric Carroll, S; Jeff Curtis, LB; Mark DeDecker, DT; Frank Fuller, DT; Jason Harrell, K; Keith Hatcher, C; Robbie Justino, QB; Leroy Kinard, TB; Pat Nelson, WR; L.G. Parrish, WR; Scott Queen, WR; Clarence Shelton, FB; Mark Thomas, TE; Johnny Woods, LB.

Schedule: Kutztown (Pa.), Sept. 1; at James Madison, Sept. 8; Southwest Texas State, Sept. 15; Morehead State, Sept. 22; at Villanova, Sept. 29; Delaware State, Oct. 6; Youngstown State, Oct. 13; at Towson State, Oct. 20; Samford, Oct. 27; at Central Florida, Nov. 3; North Carolina A&T, Nov. 10.

Nickname: Flames.

Site: Lynchburg, Va.

NICHOLLS STATE

Coach: Phil Greco (17-15-1, 3 years).

1989 record: 5-6.

Key players: Trevors Baber, LB; John Brown, WR; Chris Daigs, WR; Troy Fields, LB; Brian Head, C; Greg Johnson, OL; Hilton Koch, FL; Kenton Leonard, CB; Jarvis Lillie, TB; Joey Quinn, DT; Aaron Ruffin, RB; Bernard Sellers, FB; Clifton Smith, S; Russell Thomas, LB; Leonard Valentine, QB.

Schedule: McNeese State, Sept. 1; at Southeastern Louisiana, Sept. 8; at Northwestern State, Sept. 15; Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 22; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 29; Sam Houston State, Oct. 6; Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 20; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 27; Mississippi College, Nov. 3; at Troy State, Nov. 10; Southern University, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Colonels.

Site: Thibodaux, La.

NORTHEASTERN

Coach: Paul Pawlak (34-57-1, 9 years; 48-75-1 overall, 12 years).

1989 record: 3-7.

Key players: Joe Bonnell, LB; Glen Coletti, G; Dan Daponde, QB; Randy Dodd, OT; Scott Evans, OT; Joe Griesbaum, DT; Cal Johnson, FB; Bob Kanterman, DE; Matt Lanagan, DB; Al Quintero, DT; Russ Russo, LB; Jerry Sadberry, SE; Rotell Searcy, DB; Brandon Tsetsilas, SE; Kevin Weaver, DE.

Schedule: At Delaware State, Sept. 8; Youngstown State, Sept. 15; at Harvard, Sept. 22; Lock Haven (Pa.), Sept. 29; at James Madison, Oct. 6; Lehigh, Oct. 13; at New Hampshire, Oct. 20; at Massachusetts, Oct. 27; Rhode Island, Nov. 3; at Maine, Nov. 10; at Towson State, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Huskies.

Site: Boston.

SAMFORD

Coach: Terry Bowden (18-14, 3 years; 38-27 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 4-7.

Key players: Charles Buford, NG; Craig Conner, LB; Ted Darby, QB; Ricky Fields, CB; Brian James, WR; Brady Jones, RB; Bo-Bo Locke, DT; Chip Money, OT; Brian Moore, LB; Theron Owens, FB; David Primus, DB; Steve Ray, DT; Donnie Rory, FB; Ollie Sanders, LB; Ed Smith, WR.

Schedule: Alabama State, Sept. 1; at East Tennessee State, Sept. 8; at Tennessee Tech, Sept. 22; Austin Peay State, Sept. 29; Central Florida, Oct. 6; Fayetteville State, Oct. 13; at Morehead State, Oct. 20; at Liberty, Oct. 27; Catawba (N.C.), Nov. 3; Concord College, Nov. 10; at Georgia Southern, Nov. 17.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Joe Ross, Georgia Southern, 135.4 yds.pg (212 att., 1,354 yds., 13 TDs, 6.4 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Chris Goetz, Towson State, 122.4 rating pts. (209 att., 116 comp., 1,466 yds., 11 TDs).

Total offense: Leonard Valentine, Nicholls State, 228.1 yds.pg (562 yds. rushing, 1,947 yds. passing, 2,509 total yds.).

Receiving: Ray Kingsfield, William & Mary, 4.2 rec.pg (38 rec., 577 yds., 4 TDs, 15.2 avg.).

Scoring: Joe Ross, Georgia Southern, 7.8 pts.pg (13 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 78 pts.).

Nickname: Bulldogs.

Site: Birmingham, Ala.

TOWSON STATE

Coach: Phil Albert (114-72-3, 18 years).

1989 record: 2-8.

Key players: Dewey Barnes, SE; Julian Blair, CB; James Dutton, LB; Jared Freeze, LB; Chris Goetz, QB; Dustin Harper, CB; Gary Hatcher, S; Doug Irvin, NG; Robbie Jackson, TB; Greg Lohr, G; Randy Nelson, TB; John O'Neill, FB; Tommy Thomson, LB; Lee Von Morris, DT; Bill Yahn, G.

Schedule: At Rhode Island, Sept. 8; Lehigh, Sept. 15; at Delaware State, Sept. 22; at Indiana (Pa.), Sept. 29; at Bucknell, Oct. 6; James Madison, Oct. 13; Liberty, Oct. 20; Howard, Oct. 27; New Haven (Conn.), Nov. 3; Youngstown State, Nov. 10; Northeastern, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tigers.

Site: Towson, Md.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Jack Harbaugh (6-5, 1 year; 31-32-3 overall, 6 years).

1989 record: 6-5.

Key players: Milton Biggins, TE; Brian Browning, QB; David Browning, G; Scott Campbell, QB; Herb Davis, TB; Lanie Fomas, FL; Eddie Godfrey, CB; Raji Gordon, DE; Richard Grice, DE; Larry Harris, S; Don Smith, TB; Brad Thomas, DT; Chandler Wallace, OT; Derrick Wilson, LB.

Schedule: At Morehead State, Sept. 8; Illinois State, Sept. 15; at Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 22; Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 29; Youngstown State, Oct. 6; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 13; at Louisville, Oct. 27; at Eastern Illinois, Nov. 3; Indiana State, Nov. 10; UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Hilltoppers.

Site: Bowling Green, Ky.

WILLIAM & MARY

Coach: Jimmy Laycock (58-53-2, 10 years).

1989 record: 8-3-1 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs).

Key players: Mark Compher, WR; Sean Davis, S; Alan Garlic, DE; J.D. Gibbs, CB; Robert Green, TB; Chris Hakel, QB; Mark Hughes, LB; Ray Kingsfield, WR; Eric Lambert, CB; Mac Partlow, G; Tyrone Shelton, FB; Brad Uhl, LB; Reggie White, G; Alan Williams, TB; Mark Willson, DE.

Schedule: At The Citadel, Sept. 8; Villanova, Sept. 15; Connecticut, Sept. 22; at Virginia, Sept. 29; at Delaware, Oct. 6; Virginia Military (at Norfolk, Va.), Oct. 13; Bucknell, Oct. 20; Lehigh, Oct. 27; Furman, Nov. 3; at James Madison, Nov. 10; at Richmond, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Tribe.

Site: Williamsburg, Va.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Coach: Jim Tressel (23-24, 4 years).

1989 record: 9-4 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs).

Key players: Al Blythe, DE; Kevin Brown, DE; Ray Ellington, WR; Leo Hawkins, TB; Archie Herring, TB; Ray Isaac, QB; Darren Morgan, K; David Newby, DB; Derek Pixley, S; Pete Rekstis, DB; Dave Roberts, WR; Don Svec, G; Tony Tellington, DB; Chris Vecchione, DE; Jeff Wilkins, P-K.

Schedule: Bloomsburg (Pa.), Sept. 1; Edinboro (Pa.), Sept. 8; at Northeastern, Sept. 15; Eastern Michigan, Sept. 22; Akron, Sept. 29; at Western Kentucky, Oct. 6; at Liberty, Oct. 13; at James Madison, Oct. 20; Ohio University, Nov. 3; at Towson State, Nov. 10; Maine, Nov. 17.

Nickname: Penguins.

Site: Youngstown, O.

Just for the Fun of It

Pokey and Portland State rarely play it straight

By TOM WHEATLEY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Pokey Allen has a crazy feeling about what this season will bring at Portland State.

Maybe it's because last year, Allen wrapped up a commercial to promote his team by saying, "If you don't get your season tickets, a big meteor is gonna land in your backyard."

Ticket sales, by the way, have never been better.

Or maybe it's because Allen, for one series in last season's home opener, allowed the fans to vote with flashcards on whether Portland State should run or pass on the ensuing play.

Allen's offensive coordinator, caught up in the humor of it, threatened to resign if the stunt were ever repeated, even though the crowd scored on two plays.

Or maybe it's because the Portland State coaching staff selected and implemented one play hatched by a fan in each home game last season.

One of those schemes went 90 yards for a touchdown.

Or maybe it's because Allen once bet his paycheck—for charity—against the wages of the sports editor of the student paper that Portland State would draw at least 10,000 fans per game.

The final regular-season average was 10,008.

In the stagnant world of college football, Allen is what you'd call a tornado of fresh air.

"It's a lot of fun," mused quarterback Darren Del'Andrae, a junior college transfer who joined the party last season. "You can goof around with the coaches. It's casual but under control."

Imagine that synopsis finding its way onto the list of coached responses supplied at Major College U. Allen elects not to bully, muzzle or quarantine his players.

"I let the athletes talk to the press and the public at all times," he explained. "If they screw it up, shoot, that's what they're there for. To learn how to express themselves."

Allen, whose given name is Ernest, actually is Pokey Allen Jr., having inherited the nickname from his father, a state trooper (Pokey the Smokey?). He is a longtime bachelor who was married once "for a short time, a long time ago." His single days were due to end last summer, what with a Monte Carlo wedding planned. "Unless I get cold feet," he said. "I'm getting nervous."

Single or married, Allen figures to remain the only college coach in captivity who lives on a houseboat. "It's on the Columbia River," he said. "Ducks come floating by, and you can fish right off the deck." You seldom have to mow the lawn,



Coach Pokey Allen let fans call some plays in last season's home opener.

either.

Was Pokey born kooky, or was it an acquired trait for the 47-year-old coach who in 1964 quarterbacked Utah to a 9-2 record and once backed up Joe Kapp in the Canadian Football League?

"I think it's been acquired since we got here," Allen said. "I've always been promotional minded. And when I came here, the financial situation wasn't good. So we tried to create an atmosphere where people would have some fun at the games."

Most of his stunts are the brainstorms—or hailstorms—of Steve (Dream) Weaver. He and Allen have been sidekicks since they roomed together on the Portland Breakers in the United States Football League. Allen was the defensive coordinator; Weaver was in charge of putting fans in the seats.

Two years after Allen took the Portland State job in 1986, he brought in the Dream Weaver to help market the Division II program in the midst of Pac-10 country.

"I haven't said no to anything yet that he's dreamed up," Allen said. "But this may be the year."

Seriously, folks, this may be the year Allen seizes the national Division II title that has narrowly eluded him the past three seasons. He coached Portland State to the Division II playoff finals in 1987 and 1988, then advanced to the quarterfinal round last year.

"We're rolling pretty good," he said. "Season tickets are outstanding. Fund raising is going really well. We have fun, but we work hard at what we do. The promotions only work when you win. It's hard to let the fans call plays when you're 1-9."

Under Allen, Portland State has posted successive 6-5, 11-2-1, 11-3-1 and 9-4 sea-

sons.

The school remains Quarterback U., small-school category, with Del'Andrae the latest prodigy in a line of pro-style quarterbacks that includes Tim Von Dulm, June Jones and Neil Lomax. Von Dulm was drafted by St. Louis in 1971 but flunked his physical. Jones was a reserve with Atlanta from 1977 through 1981, while Lomax passed for more than 22,000 yards in eight seasons with the Cardinals.

Del'Andrae is a horrible practice player who formerly guided his California junior college team to one victory in two years. "But he set some records," Allen said. "He can throw."

In his junior college finale, Del'Andrae threw 75 passes and completed 41, but his size (5-foot-11) and the futility of his team left him as something less than a hot commodity.

"I thought I might walk on at a small Division II school, like Humboldt State," he said. "The only schools I even visited were Sacramento State and Portland State."

Del'Andrae carried on Portland State's passing tradition, throwing for more than 3,000 yards last season. "Because of his height, we kind of move the pocket for him, as opposed to straight drop-back," explained offensive coordinator Alan Borges—the one who threatened to resign over the flashcards.

Borges' offense resembles not the run-and-shoot of Mouse Davis, who coached Portland State from 1975 through 1980, but the sophisticated attack of the San Francisco 49ers.

"Borges has an imagination that doesn't quit," said sports information director Larry Sellers. "You see more for-

mations and shifts."

How do the players learn the system?

"Gradually, I guess," Sellers said.

Del'Andrae caught on quickly enough in his first season to lead the Vikings to their third consecutive Western Football Conference title. "They didn't put in a whole lot for me to learn at first," he said. "It just keeps building up as complicated as you want it to be."

Allen believes his senior quarterback is a legitimate pro prospect, but he's afraid the youngster may be victimized by the scouts' yardstick.

"I've never seen the difference between a 6-foot and a 6-foot-3 quarterback," Allen said. "With a 6-foot-3 quarterback, those defensive linemen are gonna knock down those passes just as easy."

"Joe Montana isn't exactly a giant. The mark of a quarterback is how fast he gets the ball from A to B, and his accuracy."

"Hey, I'm not saying a quarterback can play at 5-foot-4, but height may be sixth or seventh on the list. You have arm strength, intelligence, leadership, poise under fire and then you get down to height."

With a less understanding coach, Del'Andrae's work habits might be a problem.

"Well, he doesn't practice real well," Allen said. "He's not a discipline problem or anything like that. I just don't think he's ever been used to practicing hard. He came up through programs that weren't cranked up."

But in the first round of last season's Division II playoffs, Del'Andrae let fly with six touchdown passes in a 56-50, triple-overtime victory over West Chester (Pa.). The next week at home, the Vikings were skunked by Indiana of Pennsylvania, 17-0.

"I didn't think we'd ever get shut out," Allen said.

Thirteen starters are back this season, including eight on defense. The five holdovers on offense are led by Del'Andrae and Curtis Delgado, the waterbug of a tailback.

Delgado is 5-5, weighs 175 pounds and scoots 40 yards in under 4.5 seconds. Although he missed last season to injury, he is described by Allen as the most exciting back he's seen in more than 20 years of coaching.

"We've got a good group of kids and a great staff," Allen said. "If I got another offer, I'd look at a great job. But I wouldn't take any job."

And look for Allen to be game for whatever stunts Weaver dreams up this year. In fact, "big game" may be the theme of this year's season-ticket campaign.

"They want me to be riding an elephant," Allen said. "It's supposed to be coming up from southern Oregon somewhere. It's gonna be tough getting it up here."

It also figures to be a tough act for Pokey and the Dream Weaver to follow. How will they top that one during the season?

"I don't know," Del'Andrae said. "But they'll come up with something." ■

TSN'S TOP 10

1. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Coach: Rocky Hager.
1989 record: 8-3-1 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 6-2-1/T2nd.

2. PORTLAND STATE

Coach: Pokey Allen.
1989 record: 9-4 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 4-1/1st.

3. TEXAS A&I

Coach: Ron Harms.
1989 record: 10-1 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-0/1st.

4. INDIANA (PA.)

Coach: Frank Cignetti.
1989 record: 11-2 (including 2-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-1/2nd.

5. UC DAVIS

Coach: Bob Foster.
1989 record: 8-3 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-0/1st.

6. NW MISSOURI STATE

Coach: Bud Elliott.
1989 record: 9-3 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 8-2/2nd.

7. ANGELO STATE

Coach: Jerry Vandergriff.
1989 record: 11-3 (including 2-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-2/2nd.

8. WEST CHESTER

Coach: Rick Daniels.
1989 record: 8-3 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-1/1st.

9. MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Coach: John Williams.
1989 record: 11-3 (including 4-0 in playoffs). Conference: 6-2/2nd.

10. PITTSBURG STATE

Coach: Dennis Franchione.
1989 record: 12-1 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 10-0/1st.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Kevin Mitchell, Saginaw Valley State, 182.5 yds.pg (236 att., 1,460 yds., 6 TDs, 6.2 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Hal Galupi, Edinboro, 154.5 rating pts. (200 att., 111 comp., 22 TDs, 1,756 yds.).

Total offense: Rob Tomlinson, Cal State Chico, 350.4 yds.pg (267 yds. rushing, 3,237 yds. passing, 3,504 total yds.).

Receiving: Scott Asman, West Chester, 5.7 rec.pg (57 rec., 765 yds., 8 TDs, 13.4 avg.).

Scoring: Jimmy Allen, St. Joseph's (Ind.), 13.8 pts.pg (23 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 138 pts.).

Punting: Steve McDowell, Southern Utah State, 42.4 avg. (44 punts, 1,866 yds.).

Punt returns: Dennis Mailhot, East Stroudsburg, 17.8 avg. (16 att., 284 yds., 3 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Dennis Mailhot, East Stroudsburg, 32.6 avg. (11 att., 359 yds., 2 TDs).

Field goals: Cory Solberg, North Dakota, 1.73 FG.pg (19/27 FGs, 70.4%).

Interceptions: Jacque DeMatteo, Clarion, .75 int.pg (6 int., 21 yds., 0 TDs).

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR NATHANIEL BOLTON	Mississippi College
WR GARY COMPTON	East Texas State
TE SCOTT ASMAN	West Chester
L RANDY BOSTIC	Southern Utah State
L KEITHEN DE GRATE	Texas A&I
L MADISON JOHNSON	Tuskegee
L JOHN REYNOLDS	Missouri Southern State
L DAVID WILEY	Wofford
QB DARREN DEL'ANDRE	Portland State
RB KEVIN MITCHELL	Saginaw Valley State
RB TONY SATTER	North Dakota State

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL TIM EDWARDS	Delta State
DL MURRAY GARRETT	Eastern New Mexico
DL PHIL HANSEN	North Dakota State
DL TERRY RAGSBY	East Texas State
LB JAMES CHAPMAN	Hampton
LB JAMES DAVIS	North Alabama
LB CHUCK ORBAN	Butler
LB DAVE SVEHLA	Northwest Missouri State
DB JASON AGEE	Northwest Missouri State
DB DAVID COOK	Saginaw Valley State
DB JACQUE DeMATTEO	Clarion
DB LEROY HAYNESWORTH	Norfolk State

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK CORY SOLBERG	North Dakota
P MARK BOUNDS	West Texas State

1989 PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Mississippi College 34, Texas A&I 19
St. Cloud State 27, Augustana (S.D.) 20
Portland State 56, West Chester 50 (3 OT)
Indiana (Pa.) 34, Grand Valley State 24
Pittsburg State 28, NW Missouri State 7
Angelo State 28, UC Davis 23
North Dakota State 45, Edinboro (Pa.) 32
Jacksonville State 33, Alabama A&M 9

QUARTERFINALS

Mississippi College 55, St. Cloud State 24
Indiana (Pa.) 17, Portland State 0
Angelo State 24, Pittsburg State 21
Jacksonville State 21, North Dakota State 17

SEMIFINALS

Jacksonville State 34, Angelo State 16
Mississippi College 26, Indiana (Pa.) 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Mississippi College 3, Jacksonville State 0

NATIONAL CHAMPS

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1973	Louisiana Tech	Western Ky.
1974	Central Michigan	Delaware
1975	Northern Mich.	Western Ky.
1976	Montana State	Akron
1977	Lehigh	Jacksonville St.
1978	Eastern Illinois	Delaware
1979	Delaware	Youngstown St.
1980	Cal Poly SLO	Eastern Illinois
1981	SW Texas State	North Dakota St.
1982	SW Texas State	UC-Davis
1983	North Dakota St.	Central (O.) St.
1984	Troy State	North Dakota St.
1985	North Dakota St.	North Alabama
1986	North Dakota St.	South Dakota
1987	Troy State	Portland State
1988	North Dakota St.	Portland State
1989	Mississippi Coll.	Jacksonville St.

Don't Worry, Be Happy

Wanke content to play without hassles of Division I

By MICHAEL BRADLEY
Free-lance writer

So tiny John Carroll University opens the 1989 season with a former big-time, Division I-A quarterback, a hard-luck transfer from Pitt who comes to play football at a school noted more for its Jesuit tradition, wrestling program and the graduation of Don Shula in 1951.

Well, the quarterback becomes an instant hero, tossing a game-winning touchdown pass in the waning minutes of the season opener. Suddenly, he's one of the guys, not this prime-timer who's slumping because he was handed what he feels was a raw deal by Pitt's coaching staff.

By year's end, he has guided John Carroll into the Division III playoffs for the first time ever and set a host of school records. That he's coming back for his senior season is even more amazing.

Or is it?

After everything that has happened to Larry Wanke in the last four years, you could excuse him for throwing up his hands when the questions start again. But he has answers—a lot of them.

Answers for everyone who thought he should have stayed at Pittsburgh. Answers for people who wonder why he didn't look up Ohio State, Penn State or Miami (Fla.), three schools that courted him out of high school, and rub it in Pitt's face. Answers about Division III competition. About going pro. About growing up.

He has done the "New Kid in Town" articles and the "Where Has He Gone" bit. What's next? Letterman?

"People can't understand what he's gone through," said Jim Flynn, a defensive tackle at John Carroll and Wanke's best friend since they attended Cleveland's Benedictine High School. "He's learned a lot going through what he did, and he's a really good person for it."

Wanke has taken a rugged four-year journey from football's spotlight to its flashlight. Nothing against Division III, but after running with the big dogs, it isn't easy to slow down.

Wanke has shifted gears smoothly, even willingly. John Carroll is no football factory, but the Jesuit university in suburban Cleveland has been his haven. He is one of nine players at the school with a Division I background, but the lone transfer with marquee credentials.

Four years ago, Wanke was a high school phenom, headed for Pitt to become the next Dan Marino and on the fast track to the National Football League. This year, his goals include a degree in communications and a berth in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

"I've spent many a sleepless night



John Carroll quarterback Larry Wanke has experienced football's spotlight and its flashlight.

thinking 'what if,'" admitted Wanke, who now pays \$7,500 in tuition at John Carroll after losing his full Division I-A scholarship. "But I can't do that. I'd go crazy."

Wanke was one of the nation's most sought-after high school players, a prep All-America quarterback with size (6-foot-2, 190 pounds) and a nuclear-powered arm. As a senior at Benedictine High, he passed for 3,045 yards and 34 touchdowns. He chose Pitt over Ohio State and several other high-profile schools when Mike Gottfried, then the Panthers' new coach, sold him on the prospect of an aerial circus in Steel City.

After redshirting his first year at Pitt, Wanke played little in 1987, throwing only seven passes during the regular season. In the second half of the Bluebonnet Bowl, however, he relieved injured starter Darnell Dickerson and torched Texas for 172 yards and three touchdowns.

Dickerson was still ailing the following spring and Wanke was named the most valuable offensive back in practice. That fall, he was quarterbacking the first team when Gottfried announced he would alternate Wanke and the fleet Dickerson during the season. It wasn't the decision Wanke expected.

Wanke mopped up in an opening-game rout of Northern Iowa, threw a touchdown pass against Ohio State in game two and suffered a shoulder injury the next week vs. West Virginia. He made just two more brief appearances the remainder of the season.

"I felt Darnell starting was predetermined," Wanke said. "He was viewed as a

real threat, because he could get out of the pocket. The coaches liked that aspect.

"I think I was a better quarterback."

Since he and Dickerson each had two years of eligibility remaining at Pitt, Wanke decided to leave. If he transferred to another Division I-A school, however, he'd lose a season because he had redshirted as a freshman. Tired of the politics, Wanke dropped to Division III, where he could play immediately.

"I was fed up and frustrated with the whole ordeal," he said. "I wanted to go play football."

In January 1989, Wanke enrolled at John Carroll, only five minutes from his home in South Euclid. In effect, he traded crowds of 50,000 at Pitt Stadium for audiences of 3,000 at area high school fields, Division I glory for the Land Big Time Forgot.

The next plot twist came when Dickerson received an academic suspension after spring practice. Since he hadn't played yet at John Carroll, Wanke technically was eligible to return to Pitt, where the starting job awaited him. He stayed put.

"You have to think things happen because of higher purpose," Wanke said. "I wouldn't have gone back, even if they had called me. During the breakup, I had a falling out with some of the coaches."

There has been no such friction at John Carroll—with either coaches or players.

Since his arrival, Wanke has been a model citizen, despite some expectations that he'd flaunt his Division I pedigree. During the first week of practice, when Coach Tony DeCarlo gave the team an afternoon off, Wanke went golfing with a couple of freshman teammates he didn't even know. He has made more new friends with his outgoing personality and relishes the chance to joke around.

"He had a reputation as a rabblerouser," DeCarlo admitted. "People said he'd give me headaches. But I've been coaching wrestling and football for 26 years and he's one of the most coachable athletes I've had."

DeCarlo was hardly ill at ease about Wanke's physical abilities. Though he hadn't started a game since high school, Wanke's big arm was in fine form, and he adapted quickly to the Blue Streaks' offense.

After his dramatic debut, Wanke steadily improved each week. He didn't throw an interception in his last five games and finished the regular schedule with an incendiary 32-for-53 performance (353 yards, one touchdown) against Baldwin-Wallace. He set single-season school records (excluding playoff totals) in passing attempts (271), completions (139), yardage (1,865) and total offense (1,803 yards). "I don't think he started playing as well

as he could until later in the year," Blue Streak receiver Hank Durica said. "He only had two weeks to learn the system, and he wasn't making all the right reads in his first few games. By midseason, he really opened things up."

That confidence should pay greater dividends this season. The Streaks, 9-2 overall last year and the Ohio Athletic Conference champions, return eight starters on offense, giving their strong-armed quarterback plenty of support. Though only two starters return to the defensive unit, Wanke characterized the replacements as "a bunch of headhunters."

The combination of a high-octane offense and aggressive defense could lead John Carroll past the first round of the Division III playoffs, where it lost last season to eventual national champion Dayton. But where will it lead Wanke? He claims to be happy away from the lime-light, content to play football without the hassles of Division I.

Still, he isn't throwing to the fastest receivers or testing his arm and wits against slick defensive backs. Division III players are talented, hard workers, but they're also slower and smaller than major college athletes. Suppose Wanke had originally gone to Ohio State. Would he be preparing for a run at the national title? Or a big pro contract?

"When I made the shift from Division I to III, my expectations and hopes dwindled," he said. "Before, everything I did was geared toward playing pro football. Now, I've got new avenues open to me. I can get a degree and still push myself on the football field."

"I have no huge expectations. There are other things out there."

The NFL is one of those "things." Even in Division III, he will be scouted by pro teams and the scouting combines, who rarely overlook anyone. His size (now 6-3, 220 pounds) is a plus, as is his arm strength. But he'll lose points for his lack of mobility and the competition he's faced.

"We've already had a couple scouts in to see him, and they'll be back to test him," DeCarlo reported.

Even if he doesn't play professional football, Wanke has had his share of glory, from his high school All-America days to his Bluebonnet performance at Pitt to his record-setting passing at John Carroll. He can live without the attention but admits leaving behind "10 or so really good friends" in Pittsburgh.

He's not exactly lonely at John Carroll, since several of his high school buddies play on the team. And starting quarterbacks generally aren't starved for attention. Maybe life away from the big crowds and tall headlines isn't so bad.

"If you asked me, 'Would I do it all over again, would I go to John Carroll?' I'd say no," Wanke admitted. "If an athlete has the opportunity to go Division I, I say do it, because the experience is fantastic."

"In a different set of circumstances, I would be much more happy in Division I. In my set of circumstances, I'm happy in Division III." ■

TSN'S TOP 10

1. DAYTON

Coach: Mike Kelly.
1989 record: 13-0-1 (including 4-0 in playoffs). Independent.

2. UNION (N.Y.)

Coach: Al Bagnoli.
1989 record: 13-1 (including 3-1 in playoffs). Independent.

3. WAGNER

Coach: Walt Hameline.
1989 record: 6-3. Independent.

4. AUGUSTANA (ILL.)

Coach: Bob Reade.
1989 record: 8-2 (including 0-1 in playoffs). Conference: 8-1/2nd.

5. CENTRAL (IA.)

Coach: Ron Schipper.
1989 record: 10-1 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 9-0/1st.

6. ITHACA

Coach: Jim Butterfield.
1989 record: 7-3. Conference: 2-1/2nd.

7. ST. JOHN'S (MINN.)

Coach: John Gagliardi.
1989 record: 10-1-1 (including 2-1 in playoffs). Conference: 8-0-1/1st.

8. LYCOMING

Coach: Frank Girardi.
1989 record: 10-2 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 7-1/1st.

9. OHIO WESLEYAN

Coach: Mike Hollway.
1989 record: 8-1-1. Conference: 5-1/1st.

10. MONTCLAIR STATE

Coach: Rick Giancola.
1989 record: 9-2-1 (including 1-1 in playoffs). Conference: 5-0-1/1st.

1989 STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Returning players only)

Rushing: Gary Tretiel, St. Thomas (Minn.), 150.2 yds.pg (256 att., 1,502 yds., 13 TDs, 5.9 avg.).

Passing efficiency: Joe Blake, Simpson, 203.3 rating pts. (144 att., 93 comp., 19 TDs, 1,705 yds.).

Total offense: Dennis Bogacz, Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 293.9 yds.pg (-112 yds. rushing, 3,051 yds. passing, 2,939 total yds.).

Receiving: Ted Taggart, Kenyon, 8.7 rec.pg (87 rec., 1,004 yds., 7 TDs, 11.5 avg.).

Scoring: Prentes Wilson, Illinois Benedictine, 13.5 pts.pg (18 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 108 pts.).

Punting: Eric Nyhus, Washington (Mo.), 40 avg. (58 punts, 2,320 yds.).

Punt returns: Todd Steele, Monmouth (Ill.), 17.8 avg. (19 att., 339 yds., 2 TDs).

Kickoff returns: Sean Healy, Coe, 33.8 avg. (11 att., 372 yds., 1 TD).

Field goals: Dave Bergmann, San Diego, 1.56 FG.pg (14/18 FGs, 77.8%); Rich Egal, Merchant Marine, 1.56 FG.pg (14/22 FGs, 63.6%).

Interceptions: Ron Davies, Coast Guard, 1.2 int.pg (11 int., 90 yds., 0 TDs).

TSN'S PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos. Name, School

WR JIM BRADFORD, Carleton
WR CRAIG IRONS, Washington & Lee
TE ABE HIGGINS, Wagner
L MATT CARETTI, Susquehanna
L JEFF COURT, Ohio Wesleyan
L STEVE HARDER, Dayton
L JOHN MARZKA, Allegheny
L PAT MURPHY, John Carroll
QB LARRY WANKE, John Carroll
RB GREG HARRIS, Wagner
RB TIM McDANIEL, Centre

DEFENSE

Pos. Name, School

DL SCOTT AMMONS, Albion
DL PAUL CIOFFI, Montclair State
DL RALPH JONES, Ithaca
DL JODY KANE, Randolph-Macon
LB LESTER GLENN, Hamline
LB DAVE LASZECKI, Mount Union
LB NEIL RINGERS, Ohio Wesleyan
LB BILL SMALL, Lycoming
DB RICK BEALER, Lycoming
DB RON DAVIES, Coast Guard
DB COREY HARPER, Muskingum
DB SEAN KENNEALLY, Dayton

SPECIALISTS

Pos. Name, School

PK DAVE BERGMANN, San Diego
P ERIC NYHUS, Washington (Mo.)

1989 PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Union (N.Y.) 42, Cortland State 14
Montclair State 23, Hofstra 6
Lycoming 21, Dickinson 0
Ferrum 41, Washington & Jefferson 7
Dayton 35, John Carroll 10
Millikin 21, Augustana (Ill.) 12
Central (Ia.) 55, St. Norbert 7
St. John's (Minn.) 42, Simpson 35

QUARTERFINALS

Union (N.Y.) 45, Montclair State 6
Ferrum 49, Lycoming 24
Dayton 28, Millikin 16
St. John's (Minn.) 27, Central (Ia.) 24

SEMIFINALS

Dayton 28, St. John's (Minn.) 0
Union (N.Y.) 37, Ferrum 21

CHAMPIONSHIP

Dayton 17, Union (N.Y.) 7

NATIONAL CHAMPS

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1973	Wittenberg	Juniata
1974	Central (Ia.)	Ithaca
1975	Wittenberg	Ithaca
1976	St. John's (Minn.)	Towson State
1977	Widener	Wabash
1978	Baldwin-Wallace	Wittenberg
1979	Ithaca	Wittenberg
1980	Dayton	Ithaca
1981	Widener	Dayton
1982	West Georgia	Augustana (Ill.)
1983	Augustana (Ill.)	Union (N.Y.)
1984	Augustana (Ill.)	Central (Ia.)
1985	Augustana (Ill.)	Ithaca
1986	Augustana (Ill.)	Salisbury State
1987	Wagner	Dayton
1988	Ithaca	Central (Ia.)
1989	Dayton	Union (N.Y.)

TSN'S PRESEASON TOP 100 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Compiled by John Hadley

QUARTERBACKS

Name	Hometown
Luke Bencie	Sarasota, Fla.
Mark Butterfield	Antioch, Calif.
Dexter Doss	San Francisco
Russell Evans	Plant City, Fla.
Rodney Glover	San Francisco
Alan Hall	Middleburg, Fla.
Al Pinkins	Camilla, Ga.
John Ryan	Boardman, O.
Aaron Sparrow	Fishersville, Va.
Jason Stanicek	Park Forest, Ill.
Jeff Thomas (WR)	Valdosta, Ga.
Todd Walker (RB)	Asheville, N.C.
Eric Zeier	Marietta, Ga.

RUNNING BACKS

Name	Hometown
Mike Archie (DB)	Sharon, Pa.
Mario Bates	Tucson, Ariz.
Lee Beeton	Vanceboro, N.C.
Norman Bradford	Jonesboro, La.
Herschel Hunter	Moss Point, Miss.
Napoleon Kaufman	Lompoc, Calif.
Kenyon Lewis	Oxnard, Calif.
Oscar Malone	Gadsden, Ala.
J.T. Morris	Lynchburg, Va.
Leon Neal	Paramount, Calif.
John Perkins	Warner Robins, Ga.
Dwight Pickens	Columbus, O.
Stephen Pitts	Middletown, N.J.
Mike Reddick	Miami
Markeith Ross	Buena Vista, Calif.
Rodney Shelton	Dunwoody, Ga.
Marquette Smith	Winter Park, Fla.
Derek Sparks	El Cerrito, Calif.
James Stewart	Vero Beach, Fla.
Carlton Taylor (DB)	Littleton, Colo.
Brian Thompson	Houston

RECEIVERS

Name	Hometown
Lamont Warren	Los Angeles
Tyrone Wheatley (DB)	Dearborn, Mich.
Frankie Wilkins	Madison, Fla.
Robert Williams	Dallas
Matt Wills	South Bend, Ind.

LINEBACKERS

Name	Hometown
Huntley Bakich	Dallas
Justin Goheen	North Allegheny, Pa.
Tremayne Green	Marshall, Tex.
Skeet Jones	Virginia Beach, Va.
Jason Horn	Lafayette, Ind.
Gabe Jackson	New Brighton, Pa.
Donnie Laurence	Kerrville, Tex.
Ramon Luster	Birmingham, Ala.
Shannon McLean	Detroit
Tom Tumulty	Pittsburgh

LINEMEN

Name	Hometown
Robert Barr	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Bucky Bettingfield	Jackson, Ga.
Tony Branch	Live Oak, Fla.
Charles Cockrell	Groveton, Tex.
Shawn Couch	Deer Park, Tex.
Scott Crosley	Carmel, Ind.
John DiSante	Sherman Oaks, Calif.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Name	Hometown
Derrick Brooks	Pensacola, Fla.
Talvi Crawford	Orlando, Fla.
Brian Fair	Phoenix
Howard Greene	Miami
Ben Hanks	Miami
Willie Harper	Sunnyvale, Calif.
Andre Miller	Meridian, Miss.
Tony Miller	Coatesville, Pa.
Tim Ross	Simi Valley, Calif.
Derrick Stewart	Granada Hills, Calif.
Eric Thomas	Rockingham, N.C.
Clayvand Thomas	Carson, Calif.
Ken Wilkins	Mesa, Ariz.

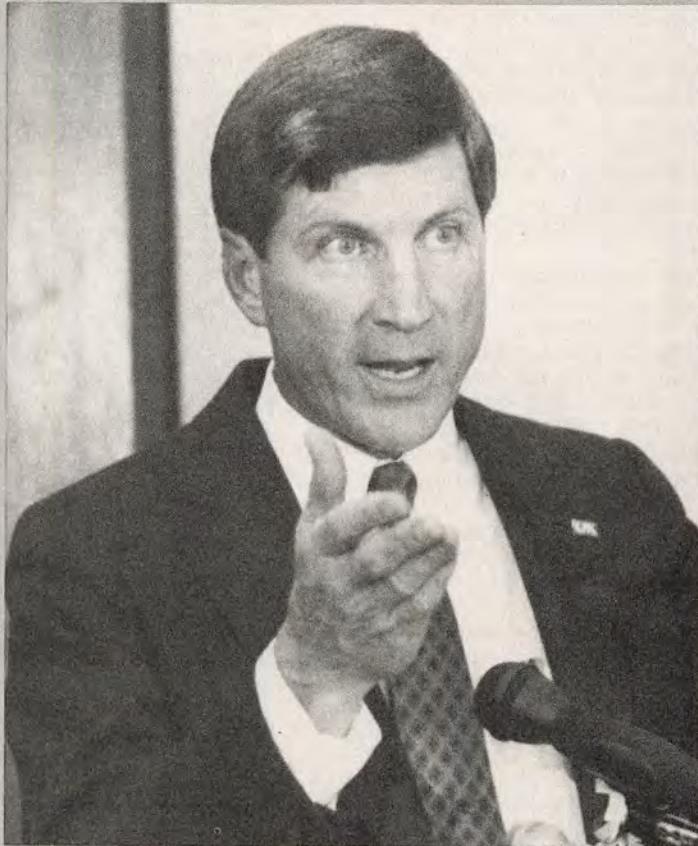
COACHING CHANGES

DIVISION I-A

School	Former coach	New coach
Alabama	Bill Curry	Gene Stallings
Arkansas	Ken Hatfield	Jack Crowe
Clemson	Danny Ford	Ken Hatfield
Duke	Steve Spurrier	Barry Wilson
Florida	Gary Darnell	Steve Spurrier
Houston	Jack Pardee	John Jenkins
Kentucky	Jerry Claiborne	Bill Curry
Long Beach State	Larry Reisbig	George Allen
Miami of Ohio	Tim Rose	Randy Walker
Michigan	Bo Schembechler	Gary Moeller
Navy	Elliot Uzelac	George Chaump
Nevada-Las Vegas	Wayne Nunnelly	Jim Strong
New Mexico State	Mike Knoll	Jim Hess
Ohio University	Cleve Bryant	Tom Lichtenberg
Pittsburgh	Mike Gottfried	Paul Hackett
Rutgers	Dick Anderson	Doug Gruber
San Jose State	Claude Gilbert	Terry Shea
Toledo	Dan Simrell	Nick Saban
Utah	Jim Fassel	Ron McBride
Wisconsin	Don Morton	Barry Alvarez

DIVISION I-AA

School	Former coach	New coach
Arkansas State	Larry Lacewell	Al Kincaid
Austin Peay State	Paul Brewster	John Palermo
Boston University	Chris Palmer	Dan Allen
Brown	John Rosenburg	Mickey Kwiatkowski
Cornell	Jack Fouts	Jim Hofher
Georgia Southern	Erik Russell	Tim Stowers
Maine	Tom Lichtenberg	Kirk Ferentz
Marshall	George Chaump	Jim Donnan
McNeese State	Sonny Jackson	Bobby Keasler
Mississippi Valley State	Ken Pettiford	Larry Dorsey
Morehead State	Bill Baldwin	Cole Proctor
Northern Arizona	Larry Kentera	Steve Axman
Prairie View A&M	Haney Catchings	To be announced
Southwest Texas State	John O'Hara	Dennis Franchione
Western Carolina	Dale Strahm	Steve Hodgin
Western Illinois	Bruce Craddock	Randy Ball



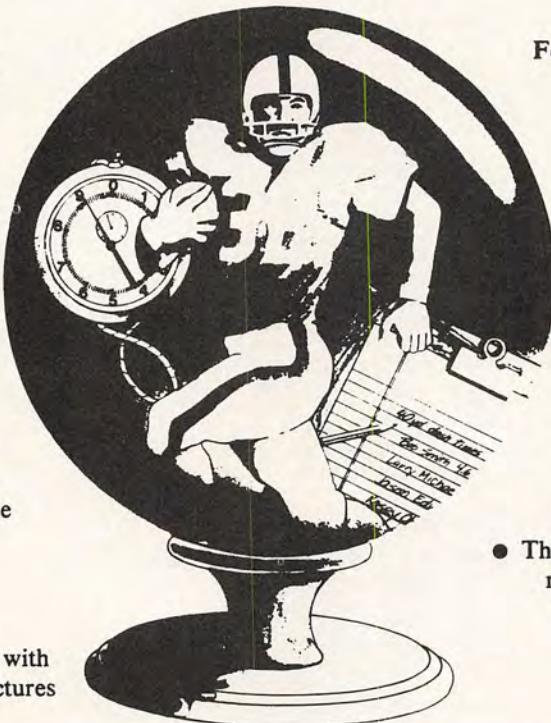
Bill Curry moves to Kentucky from Alabama.

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AWARD WINNERS

HEISMAN TROPHY

(Honoring the outstanding college football player in the United States, presented by the
Downtown Athletic Club of New York)

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1935	Jay Berwanger, Chicago, HB
1936	Larry Kelley, Yale, E
1937	Clint Frank, Yale, HB
1938	Davey O'Brien, TCU, QB
1939	Nile Kinnick, Iowa, HB
1940	Tom Harmon, Michigan, HB
1941	Bruce Smith, Minnesota, HB
1942	Frank Sinkwich, Georgia, HB
1943	Angela Bertelli, Notre Dame, QB
1944	Les Horvath, Ohio State, QB
1945	Doc Blanchard, Army, FB*
1946	Glenn Davis, Army, HB
1947	John Lujack, Notre Dame, QB
1948	Doak Walker, SMU, HB*
1949	Leon Hart, Notre Dame, E
1950	Vic Janowicz, Ohio State, HB*
1951	Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, HB
1952	Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, HB
1953	John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB
1954	Alan Ameche, Wisconsin, FB
1955	Howard Cassady, Ohio State, HB
1956	Paul Hornung, Notre Dame, QB
1957	John Crow, Texas A&M, HB
1958	Pete Dawkins, Army, HB
1959	Billy Cannon, LSU, HB
1960	Joe Bellino, Navy, HB
1961	Ernie Davis, Syracuse, HB
1962	Terry Baker, Oregon St., QB

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1963	Roger Staubach, Navy, QB*
1964	John Huarte, Notre Dame, QB
1965	Mike Garrett, Southern Cal, HB
1966	Steve Spurrier, Florida, QB
1967	Gary Beban, UCLA, QB
1968	O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal, HB
1969	Steve Owens, Oklahoma, HB
1970	Jim Plunkett, Stanford, QB
1971	Pat Sullivan, Auburn, QB
1972	Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, FL
1973	John Cappelletti, Penn State, HB
1974	Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB*
1975	Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB
1976	Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, HB
1977	Earl Campbell, Texas, HB
1978	Billy Sims, Oklahoma, HB*
1979	Charles White, Southern Cal, HB
1980	George Rogers, South Car., HB
1981	Marcus Allen, Southern Cal, HB
1982	Herschel Walker, Georgia, HB*
1983	Mike Rozier, Nebraska, HB
1984	Doug Flutie, Boston College, QB
1985	Bo Jackson, Auburn, HB
1986	Vinny Testaverde, Miami (Fla.), QB
1987	Tim Brown, Notre Dame, FL
1988	Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State, HB*
1989	Andre Ware, Houston, QB*

OUTLAND TROPHY

(Honoring the outstanding interior lineman, selected by the Football Writers Association of America)

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1946	George Connor, Notre Dame, T
1947	Joe Steffy, Army, G
1948	Bill Fischer, Notre Dame, G
1949	Ed Bagdon, Michigan St., G
1950	Bob Gain, Kentucky, T
1951	Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma, T
1952	Dick Modzelewski, Maryland, T
1953	J.D. Roberts, Oklahoma, G
1954	Bill Brooks, Arkansas, G
1955	Calvin Jones, Iowa, G
1956	Jim Parker, Ohio State, G
1957	Alex Karras, Iowa, T
1958	Zeke Smith, Auburn, G
1959	Mike McGee, Duke, T
1960	Tom Brown, Minnesota, G
1961	Merlin Olsen, Utah State, T
1962	Bobby Bell, Minnesota, T
1963	Scott Appleton, Texas, T
1964	Steve DeLong, Tennessee, T
1965	Tommy Nobis, Texas, G
1966	Loyd Phillips, Arkansas, T
1967	Ron Yary, Southern Cal, T

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1968	Bill Stanfill, Georgia, T
1969	Mike Reid, Penn State, DT
1970	Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, MG
1971	Larry Jacobson, Nebraska, DT
1972	Rich Glover, Nebraska, MG
1973	John Hicks, Ohio State, OT
1974	Randy White, Maryland, DE
1975	Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, DT
1976	Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE*
1977	Brad Shearer, Texas, DT
1978	Greg Roberts, Oklahoma, G
1979	Jim Ritcher, N.C. State, C
1980	Mark May, Pittsburgh, OT
1981	Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C*
1982	Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C
1983	Dean Steinbuhler, Nebraska, G
1984	Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech, DT
1985	Mike Ruth, Boston College, NG
1986	Jason Buck, Brigham Young, DT
1987	Chad Hennings, Air Force, DT
1988	Tracy Rocker, Auburn, DT
1989	Moe Elewonibi, Brigham Young, OG

LOMBARDI AWARD

(Honoring the outstanding college lineman of the year, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston)

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1970	Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, MG
1971	Walt Patulski, Notre Dame, DE
1972	Rich Glover, Nebraska, MG
1973	John Hicks, Ohio State, OT
1974	Randy White, Maryland, DT
1975	Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, DT
1976	Wilson Whitley, Houston, DT
1977	Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE
1978	Bruce Clark, Penn State, DT
1979	Brad Budde, Southern Cal, G
1980	Hugh Green, Pittsburgh, DE

Year	Player, College, Pos.
1981	Kenneth Sims, Texas, DT
1982	Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C
1983	Dean Steinbuhler, Nebraska, G
1984	Tony Degrate, Texas, DT
1985	Tony Casillas, Oklahoma, NG
1986	Cornelius Bennett, Alabama, LB
1987	Chris Spielman, Ohio State, LB
1988	Tracy Rocker, Auburn, DT
1989	Percy Snow, Michigan State, LB

*Juniors (all others seniors)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

MAJOR COLLEGE

Year	Team	AP	UPI
1936	Minnesota		
1937	Pittsburgh		
1938	Texas Christian		
1939	Texas A&M		
1940	Minnesota		
1941	Minnesota		
1942	Ohio State		
1943	Notre Dame		
1944	Army		
1945	Army		
1946	Notre Dame		
1947	Notre Dame		
1948	Michigan		
1949	Notre Dame		
1950	Oklahoma		Oklahoma
1951	Tennessee		Tennessee
1952	Michigan State		Michigan State
1953	Maryland		Maryland
1954	Ohio State		UCLA
1955	Oklahoma		Oklahoma
1956	Oklahoma		Oklahoma
1957	Auburn		Ohio State
1958	Louisiana State		Louisiana State
1959	Syracuse		Syracuse
1960	Minnesota		Minnesota
1961	Alabama		Alabama
1962	Southern Cal		Southern Cal
1963	Texas		Texas
1964	Alabama		Alabama
1965	Alabama		Michigan State
1966	Notre Dame		Notre Dame
1967	Southern Cal		Southern Cal
1968	Ohio State		Ohio State
1969	Texas		Texas
1970	Nebraska		Texas
1971	Nebraska		Nebraska
1972	Southern Cal		Southern Cal
1973	Notre Dame		Alabama
1974	Oklahoma		Southern Cal
1975	Oklahoma		Oklahoma
1976	Pittsburgh		Pittsburgh
1977	Notre Dame		Notre Dame
1978	Alabama		Southern Cal
1979	Alabama		Alabama
1980	Georgia		Georgia
1981	Clemson		Clemson
1982	Penn State		Penn State
1983	Miami (Fla.)		Miami (Fla.)
1984	Brigham Young		Brigham Young
1985	Oklahoma		Oklahoma
1986	Penn State		Penn State
1987	Miami (Fla.)		Miami (Fla.)
1988	Notre Dame		Notre Dame
1989	Miami (Fla.)		Miami (Fla.)

DIVISION I-AA

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1978	Florida A&M	Massachusetts
1979	Eastern Kentucky	Lehigh
1980	Boise State	Eastern Kentucky
1981	Idaho State	Eastern Kentucky
1982	Eastern Kentucky	Delaware
1983	Southern Illinois	Western Carolina
1984	Montana State	Louisiana Tech
1985	Georgia Southern	Furman
1986	Georgia Southern	Arkansas State
1987	NE Louisiana	Marshall
1988	Furman	Georgia Southern
1989	Georgia Southern	Stephen F. Austin St.

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

Game	Site	Date	Last season's result	Game	Site	Date	Last season's result
All American Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Dec. 28	Texas Tech 49, Duke 21	Holiday Bowl	San Diego	Dec. 29	Penn St. 50, Brigham Young 39
Aloha Bowl	Honolulu	Dec. 25	Michigan St. 33, Hawaii 13	Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.	Dec. 29	Oregon 27, Tulsa 24
Anaheim Freedom Bowl	Anaheim, Calif.	Dec. 29	Washington 34, Florida 7	John Hancock Bowl	El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 29	Pittsburgh 31, Texas A&M 28
California Raisin Bowl	Fresno, Calif.	Dec. 8	Fresno St. 27, Ball St. 6	Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.	Dec. 31	Mississippi 42, Air Force 29
Copper Bowl	Tucson, Ariz.	Dec. 31	Arizona 17, No. Carolina St. 10	Orange Bowl	Miami	Jan. 1	Notre Dame 21, Colorado 6
Cotton Bowl	Dallas	Jan. 1	Tennessee 31, Arkansas 27	Peach Bowl	Atlanta	Dec. 29	Syracuse 19, Georgia 18
Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 1	Florida St. 21, Nebraska 17	Rose Bowl	Pasadena, Calif.	Jan. 1	Southern Cal 17, Michigan 10
Florida Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1	Illinois 31, Virginia 21	Sugar Bowl	New Orleans	Jan. 1	Miami (Fla.) 33, Alabama 25
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 1	Clemson 27, West Virginia 7	Sunshine Bowl	Hollywood, Fla.	Dec. 29	New bowl game
Hall of Fame Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1	Auburn 31, Ohio St. 14				

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16. Texas Tech
Michigan State
17. Pittsburgh
18. Brigham Young
19. Pittsburgh
20. Washington

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

att.	— attempts	NT	— nose tackle
avg.	— average	O	— outside linebacker
C	— center	OL	— offensive lineman
CB	— cornerback	OT	— offensive tackle
comp.	— completions	P	— punter
DB	— defensive back	PATs	— points after touchdown
DE	— defensive end	Prop 48	— failed to meet the academic requirements of Proposition 48 last year
DL	— defensive lineman	pts.	— points
DT	— defensive tackle	pts.pg	— points per game
E	— end	QB	— quarterback
FB	— fullback	RB	— running back
FG.pg	— field goals per game	rec.	— receptions
FGs	— field goals	rec.pg	— receptions per game
FL	— flanker	RS	— sat out last season as a redshirt
Fr.	— freshman	S	— safety
G	— guard	SE	— split end
HB	— halfback	Soph.	— sophomore
H-B	— H-back	Sr.	— senior
I	— inside linebacker	St.	— State
IB	— I-back	T	— tackle
int.	— interceptions	TB	— tailback
int.pg	— interceptions per game	TDs	— touchdowns
JC	— junior college	TE	— tight end
Jr.	— junior	WB	— wingback
K	— placekicker	WR	— wide receiver
KC	— kick coverage	yds.	— yards
KR	— kick returner	yds.pg	— yards per game
LB	— linebacker		
MG	— middle guard		
NG	— noseguard		

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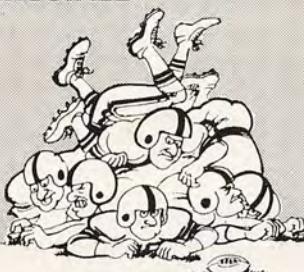
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